



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

3 June 2009

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Thursday 28 May 2009 in Ljubljana with Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee (Ljubljana, 29 May 2009):**

*i. Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of the request submitted by the Chairpersons of the Political Groups on behalf of their groups to hold a current affairs debate on the “election process of the Secretary General”; decided to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold this current affairs debate and appointed Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) to open it;

*ii. Draft agenda:* took note of the updated agenda;

- **119<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Session (Madrid, 12 May 2009):** took note of the speech made by the President to the Committee of Ministers as well as the declaration which was adopted;

- **Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** examined the Resolution CM/Res(2009)4 on the appointment of the Secretary General adopted by the Committee of Ministers at the 119<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Session;

- **3<sup>rd</sup> ordinary Part-Session of 2009 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June 2009):**

*i. Draft agenda:* updated the agenda

*ii. “Situation in Belarus”:* following a request from the Political Affairs Committee, decided to invite a representative of the parliament of Belarus and a representative of the extra-parliamentary opposition of Belarus to participate in the Assembly’s debate on the “Situation in Belarus”;

*iii. Joint Committee:* left it to the President to convene any possible meeting and to determine, if necessary, the subjects to be discussed;

- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendix I;

- **Observation of elections:**

*i. Bulgaria:* observation of parliamentary elections (5 July 2009): subject to receipt of an invitation, approved the list of members for the ad hoc committee put forward by the political groups and appointed Mr Iwinski (Poland, SOC) as Chairperson;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

i. *General policy debate on the future of the Council of Europe*: indicated its agreement with the proposal by the Political Affairs Committee to hold such a debate during the autumn 2009 part-session, on the basis of a report presented by the Committee on Political Affairs;

- **Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2008**: took note of the document prepared by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;

- **Possibility of holding a Youth Assembly to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe**: owing to budgetary constraints, decided to postpone the possible organisation of this event until 2010;

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris**: authorised the following meeting:

i. Sub-committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights): Florence (Italy), 18-19 September 2009;

- **Appointment of Assembly Representatives for official activities**: in reply to formal invitations, appointed:

i. Mr Wille (Belgium, EPP/CD) to participate in the 33<sup>rd</sup> PABSEC Plenary Session, Bucharest (Romania), 12-13 June 2009 (without cost for the Assembly);

ii. Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD) to participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Vilnius (Lithuania), 29 June – 3 July 2009 (without cost for the Assembly);

- **Date and place of the next meetings**: decided to hold the following meetings:

- . Strasbourg, Monday 22 June 2009 at 8 am;
- . Strasbourg, Friday 26 June 2009 at 8.30 am.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Observers to the Assembly  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

## APPENDIX

The Bureau approved the following references and modifications of references, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee:

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Non-recognition by Romania of the Moldovans' right to national identity**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Petrenco and others**  
Doc. 11603, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*
  2. **Monitoring of commitments concerning social rights**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Marquet and others**  
Doc. 11875, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*;
  3. **The protection of journalists' sources of information**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Ukkola and others**  
Doc. 11881, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
  4. **The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of collapse of totalitarian regimes in Europe**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lipinski and others**  
Doc. 11882, to the Political Affairs Committee *for information*
  5. **Supporting the initiative of the creation of a transnational Eurasian information superhighway**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Seyidov and others**  
Doc. 11885, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
  6. **The ethics of science**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs de Melo and others**  
Doc. 11886, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
  7. **Improving the exchange of tax information among Council of Europe member states**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Omtzigt and others**  
Doc. 11887, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for information*
  8. **Education against violence at school**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Flego and others**  
Doc. 11889, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
  9. **A European policy for European citizens resident outside their country of origin**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Ducarme and others**  
Doc. 11890, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for information*
  10. **The impact of the economic and financial crisis on women**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Wurm and others**  
Doc. 11891, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*
  11. **The need for independent and credible environmental assessments**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Preda and others**  
Doc. 11892
- and
12. **The potential dangers of electromagnetic fields and their effect on the environment**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Huss and others**  
Doc. 11894, reference of these two motions to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for one report*

13. **Expansion of democracy by lowering the voting age to 16**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Jensen and others**  
**Doc. 11895**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
14. **Economic importance of raw materials contained in "end-of-life products" including their energy potential**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Melčák and others**  
**Doc. 11896**, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report* and to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for opinion*
15. **Drafting an additional protocol to the European Convention for Human Rights : basic standards for national minorities**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Frunda and others**  
**Doc. 11897**, consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the *follow-up to be given*
16. **The bilateral relations between Moldova and Romania**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Petreenco and others**  
**Doc. 11899**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for information*
17. **Conferment of the Council of Europe Cultural Route Label on the Cistercian sites route across Greater Europe**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Durrieu and others**  
**Doc. 11900**, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
18. **Co-ordination of the Council of Europe's Cultural Routes programme with the European Union's "European Heritage" label and encouragement of their application in Eastern Europe**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mrs Durrieu and others**  
**Doc. 11901**, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
19. **The reform of the Common Fisheries Policy**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Korkeaoja and others**  
**Doc. 11902**, consultation of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs on the *follow-up to be given to this text*
20. **The inadmissibility of restrictions on freedom of movement as punishment for political positions**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others**  
**Doc. 11903**, consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the *follow-up to be given to this text*
21. **The interception and rescue at sea of asylum seekers, refugees and irregular migrants**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Díaz Tejera and others**  
**Doc. 11880**
- and
22. **Dismantling fortress Europe – actively protecting the lives of refugees in the Mediterranean Sea**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Keskin and others**  
**Doc. 11905**, reference of these two motions to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for one report*
23. **20th anniversary of the European Committee against Torture : time to take stock**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gardetto and others**  
**Doc. 11906**
- and
24. **The need to establish effective, independent national mechanisms for monitoring places of detention**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hunault and others**  
**Doc. 11874**, reference of these two motions to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for one report*

25. **Abuse of state secrecy and national security : obstacles to parliamentary and judicial scrutiny of human rights violations**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marty and others**  
Doc. 11907, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
26. **Iran's nuclear program: the need for an effective international response**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lindblad and others**  
Doc. 11908, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
27. **Ukraine disregarding basic obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights: annulment of the Ukrainian Parliamentary Assembly delegation's credentials**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marty and others**  
Doc. 11921, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* on Reconsideration on substantial grounds of previously ratified credentials of the Ukrainian delegation (Rule 9 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure) and to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for opinion*
28. **Draft Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the Right to Participate in the Affairs of a Local Authority**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*
29. **Draft Protocol No. 3 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning Euroregional co-operation groupings (ECGs)**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report*

## **B DECISIONS POSTPONED**

1. **The problem of political prisoners in Europe and the necessity to investigate the issue of political prisoners in Armenia**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others**  
Doc. 11898
2. **The situation of the Turkish minority in Rhodes (Rodos) and Kos (Istanköy)**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others**  
Doc. 11904