



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

26 April 2010

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 26 April 2010 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Second ordinary part-Session of the Assembly in 2010 (Strasbourg, 26-30 April 2010):***

i. Requests for debate under urgent procedure:

a. "Urgent need for a constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the light of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case *Sejdic and Finci v. Bosnia and Herzegovina*" (submitted by the Monitoring Committee):

- decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the subject, under the modified title "Urgent need for a constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina";
- and proposed to refer the matter to the Monitoring Committee;

b. "The situation in Belarus: recent developments" (submitted by 23 members):

- decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the subject ;
- agreed to invite representatives of the Parliament of Belarus and the extra-parliamentary opposition to attend the debate;
- and proposed to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for opinion;

ii. Request for a current affairs debate:

a. "The consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia" (submitted by the Monitoring Committee): decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on this matter and appointed Mr Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) to open it;

iii. Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Ukraine: took note of the recommendations by the Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights and decided to transmit them to members of the Assembly;

iv. Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda;

- ***Meeting of the Assembly's Presidential Committee with the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers, (Paris, 18 March 2010):*** took note of the results of the meeting;

- ***Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 January 2010 – 26 April 2010):*** approved the progress report (Rapporteur, Mr Mignon, France, PPE/CD);

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

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President; the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe; and the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- **Issues raised by committees:**

i. authorised Mr Prescott (United Kingdom, SOC) to participate, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Authorities, in the First China - Europe High Level Political Party Forum to be held in Beijing on 24 and 25 May 2010 (at no cost to the Assembly);

ii. approved a declaration on “Working together for biodiversity, protection of natural areas and the fight against climate change”;

- **Declaration on the situation in Albania:** adopted a declaration on this matter (see Assembly web site);

- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities:** in reply to formal invitations, took the following decisions:

a. Mr Lambert (Belgium, SOC): Third parliamentary Forum on Shaping the Information Society on “ICT and the Global Economic Crisis: current situation and future perspectives”, Geneva (Switzerland), 3-5 May 2010;

b. Mr Ivanovski (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, SOC): 5th annual session of the Crans Montana Forum, Tirana (Albania), 6-7 May 2010;

c. Mr Lotman (Estonia, UEL): Third Nevsky International Ecological Congress, St Petersburg (Russian Federation), 14-16 May 2010;

- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2010:** approved the outstanding appointments (AS/Bur(2010)11 rev) ;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:**

. Strasbourg, Friday 30 April 2010 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

References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau approved the following references and modifications of references:

i. References to committees

1. **Council of Europe's common approach to solving the human rights situation in Burma/Myanmar
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Meikar and others**
Doc. 12153, to the Political Affairs Committee *for information*
2. **Increasing drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Markov and others**
Doc. 12154, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
3. **Violent pornography: a threat to women's dignity and rights
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Mendes Bota and others**
Doc. 12156, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*
4. **The involvement of the army in the events of March 2008 in Armenia
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lindblad and others**
Doc. 12157, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on Honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia*
5. **Inadmissibility of honouring militant nationalists as heroes
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Markov and others**
Doc. 12158, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on Honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine*
6. **Burqa – is action needed?
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Kiuru and others**
Doc. 12159, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Islam, Islamism and Islamophobia in Europe"* and instructed the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to present *an opinion* on this report;
7. **Europe and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: 15 years later
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Mendes Bota and others**
Doc. 12162, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Fighting the global backlash against women's human rights" (Ref. 3643)*
8. **The need for reinforced protection of rights of migrant women
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Greenway and others**
Doc. 12164, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report to the Standing Committee* and to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for opinion*;
9. **Putting an end to personal vendettas in Albania
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rochebloine and others**
Doc. 12165, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on Honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania*
10. **Human rights in Western Sahara and the impact on Europe
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr R. Farina and others**
Doc. 12166, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

11. **Water resources and the risk of conflict**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marquet and others
Doc. 12176, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for report at the Standing Committee*
12. **Over-indebtedness of States: a danger for democracy and human rights**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Wille and others
Doc. 12177, to the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
13. **Bureau decision**
Urgent need of a constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to the Monitoring Committee *for report*;
14. **Bureau decision**
The situation in Belarus: recent developments, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*.

The Bureau took the following decisions :

i. Extension of references

1. **Fight against extremism: achievements, deficiencies and failures**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Berényi and others
Doc. 11515
Ref. 3425 of 14 April 2008 – validity : 14 April 2010, extension until 31 October 2010
2. **The fight against harm to the environment in the Mediterranean**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Marquet and others
Doc. 11586
Ref. 3452 of 23 June 2008 – validity : 23 June 2010, extension until 31 October 2010
3. **Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Maghreb in fighting social exclusion**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms McCafferty and others
Doc. 11573
Ref. 3445 of 29 May 2008 – validity : 29 May 2010, extension until 30 September 2010