



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

4 October 2010

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Monday 4 October 2010 in Strasbourg with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Fourth Part of the 2010 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 4-8 October 2010):***

*i. Request for a debate under urgent procedure:* confirmed its decision of 8 September 2010 to recommend to the Assembly the holding of a debate under urgent procedure on “Recent rise in national security discourse in Europe: the case of Roma”; and to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report, and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population for opinion;

*ii. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Estonia, Greece and Portugal:* took note of the recommendations of the Sub-committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights contained in document AS/Jur/Cdh (2010) 09 and:

- a. decided to transmit the lists in respect of Estonia and Greece to members of the Assembly;
- b. following a vote, agreed that the Portuguese authorities be invited to submit a new list, subject to ratification by the Assembly.

*iii. Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda;

- ***Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 June – 4 October 2010):*** approved the Progress Report (Rapporteur: Mr Wilshire, United Kingdom, EDG);

- ***Observation of elections :***

*i. Constitutional referendum Moldova (5 September 2010):* approved the report of the observation mission;

*ii. Early general elections Moldova (28 November 2010):*

- a. decided to observe the early general elections, subject to receipt of an invitation from the Parliament of Moldova;
- b. constituted an Ad hoc Committee to observe these elections composed of 30 members in accordance with the D'Hondt system (11 EPP/CD; 9 SOC; 5 ALDE; 4 EDG; 1 UEL);
- c. authorised a pre-electoral mission composed of five members – one from each political group, who are also members of the Ad hoc Committee – to be carried out approximately one month before the elections.

*iii. General elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (3 October 2010):* took note of the report of a pre-electoral mission.

- **Assembly reform:**
  - a. decided to establish an Ad hoc Committee on Assembly reform;
  - b. approved the distribution of members according to Political Groups, the Ad hoc Committee's terms of reference, and the timetable for its work, as set out in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat upon instructions from the President;
  - c. agreed to return to the nominal composition of the Ad hoc Committee at its next meeting, in the light of consultations during the week within Political Groups.
- **References and transmissions to committees:** see Appendices;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
  - i. *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights : Meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in Tbilisi (16-17 September 2010):* decided to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for an opinion regarding the scope of, and interpretation to be given to, the relevant provisions of the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities and its Protocol, particularly in respect of the right of members to attend Assembly Committee meetings organised in a Council of Europe member state;
- **Communications:** took note of communications by the President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, as well as by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly.
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** nominated Ms Virág Kaufer (Hungary, SOC) (replacing Mr Miloš Melčák, Czech Republic, SOC).
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** took note of the report by Ms Karin S. Woldseth (Norway, EDG) on her participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Oslo, on 6-10 July 2010.
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
  - . Strasbourg, Friday 8 October 2010 at 8.30 am;
  - . Antalya, Thursday 11 November 2010 at 3.00 pm;
  - . Paris, Monday 13 December 2010 at 9.30 am.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
 Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
 Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
 Observers to the Assembly  
 Secretary General of the Congress  
 Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
 Directors General  
 Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Organisational Development and Reform  
 Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
 Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
 Director of Communication  
 Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

## Appendix 1

### References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau approved the following references, subject to ratification by the Assembly:

*i. references to committees*

- a. **Doc. 12324**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Konečný and others**  
**Broadening the Parliamentary Assembly activities: scrutinizing of Council of Europe's activities**, to the Political Affairs Committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on the follow-up to the reform of the Council of Europe*
- b. **Doc. 12325**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Meikar and others**  
**Democracy and human rights in the foreign policy of Council of Europe member states: search for a joint approach**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
- c. **Doc. 12327**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Memecan and others**  
**Muslim Women in Europe: for Equal Opportunities**, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*
- d. **Doc. 12329**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lindblad and others**  
**Rule of law, human rights and fighting corruption in Ukraine**, 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*
- e. **Doc. 12333**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Reys and others**  
**Undocumented migrant children in an irregular situation: a real cause for concern**, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
- f. **Doc. 12336**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rochebloine and others**  
**Good governance and sport ethics**, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
- g. **Doc. 12338**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others**  
**How much and what kind of state is needed in a democratic and just society?**, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* to be submitted to the Parliamentary Assembly in the framework of the forthcoming debate on the state of democracy in Europe
- h. **Bureau Decision**  
**Modification of the Rules of Procedure (Rule 59) with regard to the composition of observer delegations**, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*

*ii. Transmission to committees for information*

- a. **Doc. 12330**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lipiński and others**  
**Equalised access to education of minorities languages' schools in Lithuania**, to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for information*
- b. **Doc. 12332**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Rouquet and others**  
**Energy networks and the environment**, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*

- c. **Doc. 12334**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Omtzigt and others**  
**The commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs** *for information*
- d. **Doc. 12351**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Podlesov and others**  
**Protection of national minorities: some deficiencies in complying with the civil rights of ethnic groups, transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** *for information*

## Appendix 2

### Transmissions for consultation and extension of references

The Bureau took the following decisions:

- i. *Consultation of committees*
  - a. **Doc 12335**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Marquet and others**  
**Environmental mediation: a solution to congestion of the courts, to the Committee on Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs** *for consultation on the follow-up to be given*
  - b. **Doc 12339**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Err and others**  
**Including respect for gender equality in the Parliamentary Assembly's monitoring reports, to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** *for consultation on the follow-up to be given*
- ii. *Extensions of references*
  - a. **Doc. 11066**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Wodarg and others**  
**The need for a global consideration of Human rights implications of biometrics**  
**Ref. 3288 - validity : 31 October 2010, extension until 31 December 2010**