



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

1 February 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 28 January 2011 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **2011 First ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 24-28 January 2011): follow-up to the Part session:**

i. Resolution (1791) 2011 on “the situation in Tunisia”: further to the decisions made in paragraph 14 of the resolution, decided to ask the Political Affairs Committee to make proposals for the implementation of that paragraph ;

ii. *follow-up to other adopted texts*: agreed to discuss the item thoroughly at its next meeting ;

- **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 11 March 2011) :** took note of the draft agenda;

- **2011 Second ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 11-15 April 2011):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;

- **Assembly reform :**

i. took note of the draft report of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to transmit it to the Chairpersons of political groups, the Chairpersons of committees, the Chairpersons of national delegations and to all members of the Assembly, in a consultation process open until the end of the Assembly’s April 2011 part-session (15 April 2011) ;

ii. decided to propose to the Assembly to set up an ad hoc committee of the Assembly on the Assembly’s reform ;

- **References and transmissions to committee:**

i. *References to committee*

- Doc. 12453, Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mendes Bota and others, *Best practices for promoting gender equality in political parties* : to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*

- Doc. 12499, Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Chope and others, *Asylum seekers and refugees: sharing responsibilities in Europe*: to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*

ii. *Request to modify a reference*

- Doc. 12398, Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Badré and others, Ref. 3725 of 12 November 2010: *The situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region: cause for concern*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

- **Reconstitution of Bureau ad hoc Committees:**
 - i. *Ad hoc Committee on promoting dialogue between the Georgian and Russian Assembly delegations:* decided to reconstitute this ad hoc committee and approved its composition;
 - ii. *Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of Resolution 1416 (2005) on the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference:* decided to reconstitute this ad hoc committee, approved its composition and appointed Mr Xuclà i Costa (Spain, ALDE) as chairperson;
 - iii. *Ad hoc Committee on the Forum for the future of Democracy :* decided to reconstitute this ad hoc committee in principle and to return to this subject at a forthcoming meeting ;
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament:** took note of information provided by the President of the Assembly as regards the establishment of a joint European Parliament-Parliamentary Assembly informal body to coordinate information sharing in the context of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention of Human Rights, and authorised the President to propose a date for that body's first meeting ;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. *Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee:* authorised the Committee to prepare a report on "The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe", as one component of the Assembly's debate on "The state of human rights in Europe" at its June 2011 part session;
- **PACE Human Rights Prize for 2011:** approved the proposal of the Assembly's Prize Selection Panel and submitted it to the Assembly for ratification;
- **Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (29 January – 11 April 2011) :** appointed Mrs Hurskainen (Finland/SOC) as rapporteur;
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of proposals from the political groups, nominated members of this committee and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the meetings appearing in Appendix 1;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) :** drew-up a list of candidates in respect of Moldova to be transmitted to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2011:** see Appendix 2;
- **Observation of elections:** took note of the schedule of elections for 2011;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** see Appendix 3;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings :
 - . Thursday 10 March 2011, Paris, at 9.30 am;
 - . Monday 11 April 2011, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
 - . Friday 15 April 2011, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

Appendix 1

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

- i. 15-16 March 2011, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, Brussels (Belgium);
- ii. 21-22 March 2011, Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations (*of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development*), Geneva (Switzerland) ;
- iii. 12 - 13 May 2011, Committee on Culture, Science and Education, Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Zagreb (Croatia);
- iv. 20-21 May 2011, Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, Reggio di Calabria (Italy);
- v. 6-7 June 2011, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Oslo (Norway),

Appendix 2

Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2011

The Bureau appointed the following Assembly representatives:

- i. *European Commission for Democracy through Law – Venice Commission*: Mr de Puig (SOC) appointed by the President, Mr Holovaty (ALDE, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights); and as substitute Mr Pourgourides (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);
- ii. *Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)*: Mrs Durrieu (SOC, Political Affairs Committee), Mr Gross (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and Mrs Woldseth (EDG, Monitoring Committee) and as substitutes: Mr Hancock (ALDE, Political Affairs Committee) and Mrs de Pourbaix-Lundin (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and Monitoring Committee);
- iii. *European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – North-South Centre*: Mrs Mendonça (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education) and Mr Sasi (EPP/CD, Committee on Economic Affairs and Development) and as substitute: Mrs Blondin (SOC, Committee on Economic Affairs and Development);
- iv. *Advisory Board for the Future of Democracy*: Chairperson of the Political Affairs Committee and the Chairperson or a member of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the Future of Democracy (according to availability);
- v. *Group of States against Corruption – GRECO*: Mr Sasi (EPP/CD, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and as substitute Mrs Cigane (NR, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) ;
- vi. *European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice - CEPEJ*: Mr Díaz Tejera (SOC, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) and as substitute Mrs Schuster (ALDE, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights);
- vii. *Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art*: Ms Marland-Militello (EPP/CD, Committee on Culture, Science and Education), Rapporteur on cultural heritage;
- viii. *Pan-European Federation for Heritage – Europa Nostra*: Ms Rihter (SOC, Committee on Culture, Science and Education), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Cultural Heritage.

Appendix 3

Assembly representatives for official activities in reply to formal invitations

- i. Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), OSCE PA winter meeting, Vienna (Austria), 24-25 February 2011 at no cost for the Assembly;
- ii. Mr Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), 4th Nevsky International Ecological Congress, St Petersburg (Russian Federation), 16-17 May 2011.