



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Revised Synopsis

8 June 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Thursday, 26 May 2011 in Kyiv, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **2011 Second ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 11-15 April)**: approved the proposals for follow-up to texts adopted by the Assembly;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Kyiv, 27 May 2011)**: took note of the draft agenda;
- **2011 Third ordinary part-Session (Strasbourg, 20-24 June)**: drew up the draft agenda for the Third part-Session;
- **Communications**: took note of the Communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, as well as by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: see Appendix I;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)** :
 - . took note of the written information about the constitution of the list, provided by the Chairperson of the Spanish delegation ;
 - . decided to transmit this list to the Committee of Ministers ;
- **Observation of elections**:
 - i. **Kazakhstan: early Presidential elections (3 April 2011)**: approved the report of the ad hoc committee presented by its Chairperson;
 - ii. **"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia": early parliamentary elections (5 June 2011)**: took note of the press release on the pre-electoral mission to this country (17-18 May);
 - iii. **Turkey: observation of parliamentary elections (12 June 2011)** : took note of the press release on the pre-electoral mission to this country (17-18 May);
 - iv. **Tunisia: election of a Constituent National Assembly (24 July 2011)** : decided to observe the election of a Constituent National Assembly in Tunisia; constituted an ad hoc committee to observe these elections, composed of 20 members in accordance with the D'Hondt system (EPP/CD: 7, SOC: 6; EDG: 3, ALDE: 3, UEL: 1) and authorised a pre-electoral mission approximately one month ahead of the elections, composed of five members, one from each group, who are also members of the ad hoc committee;
- **Issues raised by committees** :
 - i.. **Follow-up to Resolution 1583 (2007) "Improving the participation of members in Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings"**: took note of the oral and written report of the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and invited the President of the Assembly to write to the chairpersons of the delegations with low participation rates and the speakers of the parliaments concerned, to inform them of the situation and possibly to hold a meeting with the chairpersons of the delegations concerned;

- **Other business:**
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of a proposal from the EPP/CD political group, nominated a member of this committee, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities :** see Appendix II;
- **Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2010:** approved the report submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
- **Bureau and Standing Committee meetings in Edinburgh:** accepted the invitation from the Chairperson of the delegation of the United Kingdom to hold the meetings of the Bureau and Standing Committee in Edinburgh, respectively on 24 and 25 November 2011;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its forthcoming meetings as follows:
 - . Monday 20 June 2011, Strasbourg, at 8 am;
 - . Friday 24 June 2011, Strasbourg, at 8.30 am.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
 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 I

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. **The need for an international inquiry into the crackdown against the Belarusian opposition in December 2010**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Beck and others
Doc. 12543

Reference to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*

2. **Metsamor nuclear power station - a vital threat to Europe in the present and the future**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr R. Huseynov and others
Doc. 12580

Transmission to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *for information*

3. **Fighting “child sex tourism” through committed legal and political action**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others
Doc. 12582

Reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*

4. **Strengthening consumer rights protection mechanisms**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marquet and others
Doc. 12584

Transmission to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*

5. **Improving user protection and security in cyberspace**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Fischer and others
Doc. 12585

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*

6. **Reinforcing the selection processes of experts of the monitoring mechanisms of the Council of Europe**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Cilevićs and others
Doc. 12586

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

7. **Criteria for the definition of a political prisoner**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Conde Bajén and others
Doc. 12587

Consultation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for a possible follow-up to be given*

8. **Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Strik and others
Doc. 12617

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*

B. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

- 1. The state of media freedom in Europe**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Mats Johansson and others
Doc. 12518

On 11 April 2011, the Bureau referred this motion to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education for consultation on the follow-up to be given.

In a letter dated 12 April 2011, the Committee on Culture, Science and Education asks that this text be referred to it for report.

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*

C. REQUESTS TO EXTEND REFERENCES

- 1. The humanitarian consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia: follow-up given to Resolution 1648 (2009)**
Bureau decision
Ref. 3574 of 29 May 2009 - validity: 29 May 2011

In a letter dated 3 May 2011, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population asks that this reference be extended until the end of April 2012, since a new rapporteur has just been appointed and he needs to make research on the subject.

Extension until 30 April 2012

- 2. The definition of political prisoners / the follow-up to the issue of political prisoners in Azerbaijan**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Agramunt Font de Mora and others
Doc. 11922
Ref. 3618 of 20 November 2009 - validity: 20 November 2011

In a letter dated 10 May 2011, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights asks that the validity of this reference be extended until the end of June 2012, since the rapporteur needs more time to gather further information on this subject.

Extension until 30 June 2012

- 3. Lack of appropriate follow-up, by the Committee of Ministers, to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Marty and others
Doc. 11831
Ref. 3541 of 29 May 2009 - validity: 29 May 2011

In a letter dated 11 May 2011, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs asks that the validity of this reference be extended until the end of January 2012, since the rapporteur needs time to considerate the comments that the Working Party of the Committee of Ministers has just made available to him.

Extension until 31 January 2012

Appendix II

Appointments of Assembly Representatives for official activities

- a. Ms Radolović-Šćepanovic (Montenegro, SOC), 9th Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the South East European Cooperation Process (SEECP), Becici (Montenegro), 13-15 June 2011 at no cost for the Assembly.