



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

28 June 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 24 June 2011 in Strasbourg, with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **2011 Third part-Session (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2011)** : approved the proposals for follow up to the adopted texts as set out in Appendix I:
- **2011 Fourth part-Session (Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2011)**: took note of the preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: considered and approved references and transmissions as presented in Appendix II, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Communication**: took note of the written and oral communications by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Election observation**:
 - i. **Tunisia: election of a Constituent National Assembly (23 October 2011)**: approved the list of members of the ad hoc Committee and appointed Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee;
 - ii. **Bulgaria : Presidential elections (23 October 2011)**: approved the list of members of the ad hoc Committee and appointed Mr Brian Binley (United Kingdom, EDG) as Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee;
 - iii. **Meeting of the Chairpersons of ad hoc Committees for the observation of elections**: decided to hold a meeting on election observation at an appropriate time during the 2011 Fourth part-Session and approved a draft agenda;
- **Issues raised by committees**:
 - i. **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**: took note of a letter from the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee regarding the covering of expenses of a member of the Moldovan delegation by his Parliament and invited the President of the Assembly to write to the Speaker of the Parliament of Moldova regarding the matter raised;
 - ii./iii. **Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs and Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men**: took note of the letters from the Chairpersons of these committees and of the memoranda prepared by the secretariats and expressed its support to the request for voluntary contributions in support of the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe "ONE in FIVE" campaign and the Campaign for the promotion of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, for 2012-2013;

- **Other business:**
 - i. *Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 June– 3 October 2011)*: appointed Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) as rapporteur;
 - ii. *European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Strasbourg, 7-8 June 2012)*: took note of the proposed themes and the draft programme;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: took note of the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Belgium, Greece, Lithuania and Portugal with a view to their transmission to the Committee of Ministers;
- **Forum for the Future of Democracy, Cyprus (13 – 14 October 2011)**: approved the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee;
- **Composition of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**: approved the modification to the list of Members, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities**: approved the proposals as presented in Appendix III;
- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris**: approved the proposals as presented in Appendix IV;
- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2012**: approved the schedule of meetings as it appears in Appendix V;
- **Date and place of the next meeting**: Caserta (Italy), 5 September 2011, 9.00 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 I:

Proposals for follow-up to adopted texts at the 2011 Third part-Session (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2011)

- ***Follow-up to the current affairs debate on “the political and humanitarian consequences of the situation in Syria and Libya”***: decided to refer the issue to the Political Affairs Committee to be considered as a possible addendum to the report on “Co-operation between the Council of Europe and emerging democracies in the Arab world” (Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD);

- ***Resolution 1818 (2011) Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Morocco***:

- noted that the Parliament of Morocco would be formally invited to constitute a delegation of 6 titular and 6 substitute Members in time for the 2011 Fourth part-Session ;

- decided to return to the other aspects of follow-up at a later stage, including the question of observing the early elections once the date was known;

- ***Resolution 1819 (2011) The situation in Tunisia***:

- agreed that an invitation would be addressed to the future National Constituent Assembly, following the elections on 23 October 2011, with a view to sending a delegation to attend part-Sessions of the Assembly and the Forum for the future of democracy.

- ***Resolution 1822 (2011) Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly***:

- decided to refer the issue to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for a report on “Amendment of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure – Implementation of Resolution 1822 (2011)” and for a second report on “Terms of reference of Assembly Committees - Implementation of Resolution 1822 (2011)”.

- ***Recommendation 1975 (2011): Living together in 21st century Europe: follow-up to the report of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe***:

- regarding paragraph 14.1: invited the relevant committees (AS/Pol, AS/Soc, AS/Mig, AS/Cult, AS/Ega) to make proposals for action to the Bureau;

- regarding paragraphs 14.2, 14.3 and 14.6: invited the Political Affairs Committee to make proposals for action to the Bureau;

- regarding paragraph 14.4: invited the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population to make proposals for action to the Bureau;

- regarding paragraph 14.5: invited the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs to make proposals for action to the Bureau;

- regarding paragraph 20: invited the Political Affairs Committee, in consultation with the relevant committees, to submit proposals to the Bureau.

Appendix II:

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. **Austerity measures - a danger for democracy and social rights**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hunko and others
Doc. 12633, reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report*
2. **Missing persons from Europe's conflicts: the long road to finding humanitarian answers**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Poulsen and others
Doc. 12635, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*
3. **Strengthening the institution of Ombudsman in Europe**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Xuclà i Costa and others
Doc. 12639, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
4. **Promoting the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mendes Bota and others
Doc. 12656, reference to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report*
5. **The erosion of confidence in democracy and possible responses**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others
Doc. 12662, reference to the Political Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for opinion*
6. **Registration of political parties in Russia**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Brasseur and others
Doc. 12666, reference 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 the "Honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation"*

B. REQUEST TO EXTEND A REFERENCE

1. **Towards a model rulebook for self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others
Doc. 11774
Ref. 3520 of 29 January 2009 - validity: 30 June 2011 after extension granted on 24 January 2011, extension until 31 January 2012

C. REQUEST TO MODIFY A REFERENCE

- **Doc. 12114, Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Lindblad and others**, Ref. 3640 of 22 December 2009: *The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the Council of Europe*: reference to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *and* to Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for opinion*

Appendix III:

Appointment of Assembly representatives for official activities

- a. Mr Frano Matusić (Croatia, EPP/CD), 6th Croatia Summit, Dubrovnik (Croatia), 8-9 July 2011, at no cost for the Assembly;
- b. Mr Giuseppe Galati (Italy, EPP/CD) or Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD), according to availability, Parliamentary Panel within the framework of the WTO Public Forum 2011, Geneva, 20 September 2011.

Appendix IV:

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris

- a. Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on large scale arrival of migrants and asylum seekers in the southern Mediterranean (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population), Visit to refugee camps on Turkish Syrian border, meetings with local authorities, July 2011;
- b. Sub-Committee of the Europe Prize (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), Hünsfeld (Germany), 27 August 2011;
- c. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, Caserta (Italy), 5 September 2011;
- d. Sub-Committee on the media and Sub-Committee on cultural heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education), Stockholm, 12 September 2011;
- e. Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, Florence (Italy), 17-18 November 2011.

Appendix V:

Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2012

Preliminary proposals for dates¹

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly

Monday 23 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 8 March, 3.00 pm, Paris	Bureau
Friday 9 March, 9.00 am, Paris (to be confirmed)	Standing Committee
Monday 23 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
May, Albania (date and place to be confirmed)	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 25 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 29 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 3 September, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 1 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 5 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
November, Andorra (date and place to be confirmed)	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 10 December, 9.30 am, Paris	Bureau

¹ Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the conclusion of a formal agreement with the Parliament of the country concerned.