



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

4 October 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 3 October 2011 in Strasbourg with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Fourth Part of the 2011 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2011):***

i. Request for a current affairs debate: following a request by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a current affairs debate on “*How can Council of Europe member states come to the aid of countries touched by humanitarian catastrophes such as those in East Africa?*” and appointed Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, as first speaker in the debate;

ii. Requests for a debate under urgent procedure:

. following a request by the Socialist Group, the European Democrat Group, the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe and the Group of the Unified European Left, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the “*Political situation in the Balkans*” and to refer the matter to the Political Affairs Committee for report;

. following a request by the European People’s Party, decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold a debate under urgent procedure on the “*Threats to rule of law in Ukraine*” ;

iii. Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda;

- ***Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 June – 3 October 2011):*** (Rapporteur: Mr Dick Marty, Switzerland, ALDE): approved the Progress Report;

- ***Observation of elections :***

i. Meeting of the Chairpersons of Ad Hoc Committees for the observation of elections (Strasbourg, Palais de l’Europe, 4 October 2011, 6.00pm): took note of the draft agenda ;

ii. Election of a Constituent National Assembly in Tunisia (23 October 2011): took note of a statement by the pre-electoral mission (14-17 September 2011);

iii. Presidential elections in the Kyrgyz Republic (30 October 2011): took note of the composition of the ad hoc committee for the observation of these elections and appointed Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) as Chairperson;

iv. Parliamentary elections in the Russian Federation (4 December 2011): took note of the composition of the ad hoc committee for the observation of these elections and appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as Chairperson;

- ***References and transmissions to committees:*** approved the references and modifications to references as presented in Appendix I, subject to ratification by the Assembly;

- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. **Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men:** agreed to the request from the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to invite Ms Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women to address the Assembly in the context of the debate on “Fighting the global backlash on women’s rights” during the 2012 First part-Session;
- **Cooperation with the European Parliament:** took note of the oral report by the President on the meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament in Brussels on 22 September 2011;
- **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:** on the basis of proposals from the political groups, nominated Mr Björn von Sydow (Sweden, SOC) to replace Mr José Vera Jardim (Portugal, SOC), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Assembly representatives for official activities:** approved the proposals as presented in Appendix II;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
 - . Strasbourg, Friday 7 October 2011 at 8.30 am;
 - . Edinburgh (United Kingdom), Thursday 24 November 2011 at 9.30 am;
 - . Paris, Monday 12 December 2011 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
 Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
 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 accession of non-member states to Council of Europe conventions**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Umakhanov and others
Doc. 12667, reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
2. **Code of conduct of members of the Assembly: good practice or a core duty?**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mignon and others
Doc. 12669, reference to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs *for report*
3. **Child friendly justice**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Wohlwend and others
Doc. 12672, reference to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
4. **More transparency and accountability at FIFA**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Omtzigt and others
Doc. 12673, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Good governance and sport ethics" (Doc. 12336, Ref. 3709)*
5. **Call for a European-wide black list of condemned medical professionals**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Omtzigt and others
Doc. 12674, transmission to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*
6. **Alternatives to Europe's sub-standard IDP collective centres**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Acketoft and others
Doc. 12676, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*
7. **Destruction or restoration of industrial heritage**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Rihter and others
Doc. 12677, reference to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education *for report*
8. **Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Reys and others
Doc. 12678, reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*
9. **Europe and integrated risk management**
Motion for a resolution presented Mr Meale and others
Doc. 12679, reference to the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Preventing natural disasters" (Doc. 12049, Ref. 3616)*
10. **New parliamentary effort to create a stability pact in the Caucasus**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Gross and others
Doc. 12680, reference to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
11. **The rise of populist movements in Europe and its dangers for democracy**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others
Doc. 12681, reference to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*
12. **ILO Convention of domestic worker, good opportunity for the Parliamentary Assembly**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Volontè and others
Doc. 12682, transmission to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*

13. **The European Convention on Nationality: application and solution proposals**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Papadimitriou and others
Doc. 12696, transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*
14. **Adolescents and online pornography**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Oscarsson and others
Doc. 12697, transmission to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*
15. **Towards the International Year of the Family 2014**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Mota Amaral and others
Doc. 12698, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*

Appendix II

Appointments of representatives of the Assembly for official activities

In reply to formal invitations, the Bureau appointed the following members to represent the Assembly :

- a. Mr Luca Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD), 88th Plenary Session of the Venice Commission, 14-15 October 2011 (Venice, Italy)
- b. Ms Francine John-Calame (Switzerland, SOC) and Mr André Bugnon (Switzerland, ALDE), Award of an honorary doctorate to Mr Dick Marty, 15 October 2011 (University of Geneva, Switzerland), at no cost for the Assembly
- c. Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia, SOC), 30th session of the Baltic Assembly and 17th Baltic Council, 24-25 November 2011, (Tallinn, Estonia), at no cost for the Assembly