



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Secretariat of the Assembly

Synopsis

10 October 2011

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on 7 October 2011 in Strasbourg with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the 4th Part of the 2011 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2011):** approved the proposals made by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly as set out in Appendix I;
- **Standing Committee meeting (Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 25 November 2011):** considered and took note of the draft agenda;
- **1st Part of the 2012 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 January 2012):** drew up a preliminary draft agenda;
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and modifications to references as presented in Appendix II, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Observation of elections: *Parliamentary elections in Morocco (25 November 2011)*:** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee for the observation of these elections and appointed Mr Tomáš Jirsa (Czech Republic, EDG) as Chairperson of the ad hoc committee;
- **Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on recent detentions, prosecutions and convictions of members of the opposition in Belarus:** approved and declassified the report of the ad hoc committee;
- **Issues raised by committees:**
 - i. Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs:* approved the declaration by the Bureau on the occasion of the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban (South Africa), 29 November – 9 December 2011;
 - ii. Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):* took note of the letters from Mr Marty, Chairperson of the Committee, and from Mr Seyidov, Chairperson of the national delegation of Azerbaijan, and asked the President to send a letter to Mr Seyidov informing him of the Bureau's position on the contents of his letter;
 - iii. Committee on Political Affairs:* authorised Mr Toshev (Bulgaria, EPP/CD) and the conference on "the future of Christians in the Middle East" in Beirut (Lebanon), on 18-19 November 2011 and took note of the fact-finding visit by Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC) in Kosovo¹ during the first week of November 2011, in the framework of the preparation of his report on the situation in Kosovo;
- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** approved the timetable foreseen for the election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and invited the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to transmit this timetable to the Committee of Ministers;

¹ Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- **Other business:**

i. *Progress report of the Bureau and of the Standing Committee (8 October 2011 – 23 January 2012):* appointed Mr Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) as rapporteur.

ii. *Statement on terrorist acts in Norway and Turkey:* approved a statement on terrorist acts in Norway and Turkey;

- **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 Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Romania, San Marino, Serbia with a view to their transmission to the Committee of Ministers;

- **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on “Women as drivers of change in the Mediterranean” Rome, 24 and 25 October 2011:** approved the composition and added Ms Karin Woldseth (Norway, EDG) and Ms Katrin Werner (Germany, UEL) to the list of members proposed by the Committee;

- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, appointed Mr Jordi Xuclà i Costa (Spain, ALDE) to replace Mr Andrej Zernovski (“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, ALDE) subject to ratification by the Assembly;

- **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:** on the basis of proposals by the political groups, appointed Ms Liliana Palihovici (Moldova, EPP/CD) to replace Mr Erol Aslan Cebeci (Turkey, EPP/CD) and Mr Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG) to replace Mr Etruğrul Kumcuoğlu (Turkey, EDG) subject to ratification by the Assembly;

- **Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities:** approved the proposals appearing in Appendix III;

- **Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised the meetings appearing in Appendix IV and took note of the composition of the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on “the situation of Roma in Bulgaria”;

- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold the following meetings:

- . Thursday 24 November 2011, Edinburgh (United Kingdom), at 9.30 am;
- . Monday 12 December 2011, Paris, at 9.30 am;
- . Monday 23 January 2012, Strasbourg (part-session) at 8.00 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
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

Proposals for follow-up to the 4th Ordinary Part Session of 2011 (Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2011)

The Bureau, as regards:

- **Resolution 1830 (2011) Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Palestinian National Council:** noted that the Palestinian National Council would be formally invited to appoint a "Partner for Democracy" delegation consisting of three representatives and three substitutes in accordance with Rule 60.4 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, in time for the 1st Part Session of 2012.

- **Resolution 1831 (2011) Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the emerging democracies in the Arab world:**

- asked the President of the Assembly to send a letter to the six Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Council of Europe member states also members of the United Nations Security Council mentioned in paragraph 10 (France, Russia, the United Kingdom, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and Portugal) inviting them to support the Palestinian formal request to join the United Nations as a full member state.

- invited the Presidential Committee to raise with the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers the desirability of convening a summit of heads of state and government of the democracies of Europe and the southern Mediterranean to discuss co-operation between the Council of Europe and the emerging democracies in the Arab countries in Europe's neighbourhood.

- **Resolution 1832 (2011) National sovereignty and statehood in contemporary international law: the need for clarification:** asked the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to address a letter to the competent bodies of the United Nations in order to draw their attention to paragraph 8.5 of the Resolution.

- **Resolution 1836 (2011) The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the Council of Europe:** took note of the fact that the attention of committees would be drawn to the decision of the Assembly to further enhance its relations with the European Parliament (paragraph 13 of the Resolution).

- **Resolution 1839 (2011) The political situation in the Balkans:**

- invited the Committee for the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee) to follow the situation within the framework of the monitoring procedure of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania;

- invited the Political Affairs Committee to follow the situation in the framework of the preparation of its report on the situation in Kosovo;

- invited its Presidential Committee to consider a mission in the region to intensify the dialogue and overcome the tensions;

- **Meeting on election observation (Strasbourg, 4 October 2011):**

- decided to invite Mrs Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) to the next meeting of the Bureau in order to present the conclusions of the meeting.

APPENDIX II

References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

1. **Frontex and human rights implications of Europe's border security**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hagen and others
Doc. 12704, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
2. **Criteria for the definition of a political prisoner**
Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Condé-Bajen and others
Doc. 12587, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*

B. REQUEST TO MODIFY A REFERENCE

1. **Muslim Women in Europe: for Equal Opportunities**
Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Memecan and others
Doc. 12327
Ref. 3706 of 4 October 2010, modified on 8 October 2010 – validity: 8 October 2012, to the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science and Education and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for opinion*

C. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

1. **Preventing natural disasters**
Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Marin and others
Doc. 12049
Ref. 3616 of 20 November 2009 - validity: 20 November 2011, extension until 31 May 2012

APPENDIX III

Appointments of Assembly representatives for official activities

- a. Ms Elsa Papadimitriou (Greece, EPP/CD), 125th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), 16-19 October 2011, Bern, at no cost for the Assembly;
- b. The Chairperson, or a member of the Italian delegation, according to availability, 6th Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), 29 October 2011, Palermo (Italy);
- c. Mr Oliver Heald (United Kingdom, EDG), "Corruption prevention in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors", training workshop in the framework of GRECO's fourth evaluation round, 9 November 2011, Andorra, at no cost for the Assembly;
- d. Mr Latchezar Toshev (Bulgaria, EPP/CD), "Living together, combining diversity and freedom in 21st century Europe", 13-14 November 2011, Strasbourg;
- e. The Chairperson, or a member of the Albanian delegation, according to availability, 38th Plenary Session of the PABSEC, 22-23 November 2011, Tirana, at no cost for the Assembly;
- f. Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), opening session of the 2011 'Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue', 28 November 2011, Luxembourg, at no cost for the Assembly;
- g. Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC), parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 5 December 2011, Durban (South Africa).

APPENDIX IV

Meetings elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris:

- a. Sub-Committee on Local Democracy (of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs), 3-4 November 2011, Kyiv;
- b. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, 1 December 2011, Vilnius;
- c. Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the "Situation of Roma in Bulgaria" (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) Bulgaria, subject to the reception of an invitation from the Bulgarian delegation (dates to be confirmed).