



## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Secretariat of the Assembly

#### Synopsis

13 December 2011

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on 12 December 2011 in Paris with Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Standing Committee meeting (Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 25 November 2011):** as regards follow-up to the current affairs debate on “The young generation sacrificed: political, social, economic and other consequences of the financial crisis”, decided to refer the subject to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for opinion to be ratified by the Assembly.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Part of the 2012 Ordinary Session (Strasbourg, 23-27 January 2012):** drew up the draft agenda.
- **Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 26 January 2012):** took note of the draft agenda.
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the references and modifications to references as presented in Appendix I, subject to ratification by the Assembly.
- **Observation of elections:**
  - i. *Schedule of elections in 2012:* took note of the schedule of elections.
  - ii. *Elections to the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia (23 October 2011):* decided to send a post-electoral mission to Tunisia before the next part-session, and to constitute an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of one member from each political group, as follows: EPP/CD: Mr Gardetto; SOC: Mr Gross; EDG: Mr Choipe; ALDE: Ms Brasseur; UEL: Mr Lecoq.
  - iii. *Parliamentary elections in Morocco (25 November 2011):* took note of the press release of the ad hoc Committee which observed the elections;
  - iv. *Parliamentary elections in the Russian Federation (4 December 2011):*
    - . took note of the press release of the ad hoc Committee which observed the elections and of an oral report by the Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee.
    - . decided to send a post-electoral mission to the Russian Federation before the next part-session and to constitute an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of one member from each political group, as follows: EPP/CD: Ms de Pourbaix-Lundin; SOC: Mr Saar; EDG: Mr Vaksdal; ALDE: Mr Rigoni, UEL: Mr Kox, as well as the two Rapporteurs on the Russian Federation of the Monitoring Committee, Mr Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC).
  - v. *Early parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan (15 January 2012):* approved the list of members and appointed Ms Papadimitriou (Greece, EPP/CD) as Chairperson.
  - vi. *Russian Federation: presidential election (4 March 2012)* decided - in principle and subject to the reception of an invitation by the competent authorities of the Russian Federation - to observe the presidential election in the Russian Federation on 4 March 2012, and decided to constitute an ad hoc Committee for this purpose composed of 30 members, (in accordance with the D'Hondt system: EPP/CD: 11, SOC: 9; EDG: 5,

ALDE: 4, UEL: 1) and authorised a pre-electoral mission to take place approximately one month ahead of the election;

- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2012 financial year** : took note of the Council of Europe's General Budget 2012, the contributions of member States to the general budget and partial agreements, the contribution country by country, as well as the detailed appropriations allocated to the Assembly for 2012.

- **Follow-up to Resolution 1842 (2011) on the terms of reference of Parliamentary Assembly committees – implementation of Resolution 1822 (2011) on the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly**: took note of the content of a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and approved the proposals contained in the document, and in particular those concerning:

- . the references to Committees (Appendix 1 of the document AS/Bur (2011) 104 ),
- . the appointment of rapporteurs (paragraph 5),
- . the presentation of reports (paragraph 6) and
- . the mandate of general rapporteurs (Appendix 2).

- **Issues raised by committees**: took note of the information documents presented by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, the Committee on Culture, Science and Education and the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee concerning the proposals for action requested by the Bureau further to 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* and approved the action proposed in these three documents.

- **Communications**: took note of communications by the President, the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe as well as by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**: considered the proposals contained in the letter from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and agreed to the amended draft job description / competence framework of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and that the term of office of the next Deputy Secretary General, to be elected in 2012, be reduced to three years.

- **Cooperation with the European Parliament**: took note of the report by the President of the Assembly.

- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2012**: approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation.

- **Assembly representatives for official activities**: approved the proposals contained in the document (see Appendix II).

- **Other business**:

. agreed that several former Presidents of the Assembly and the former Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Lalumière, be invited to attend the election of the next President of the Assembly on 23 January 2012.

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

- . Monday, 23 January 2012, Strasbourg, at 8.00 am
- . Friday, 27 January 2012, Strasbourg, at 8.30 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  
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

### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEE

1. **Developing advanced drug policies: the example of drug-checking**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Hunko and others**  
Doc. 12763, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*
2. **Vukovar 1991 – 2011**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Dorić and others**  
Doc. 12770, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information*
3. **Effective and fair returns of irregular migrants and failed asylum seekers**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Clappison and others**  
Doc. 12771, to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population *for report*
4. **Human rights as the ethical reference in a global economy**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Mr Elzinga and others**  
Doc. 12772, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on “Unfair economic competition by third countries: social dumping” (Doc. 12269, Ref. 3693)*
5. **Protecting patients’ rights: preventing unnecessary medical treatment**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Rupprecht and others**  
Doc. 12773, to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee *for information*
6. **Political transition in Tunisia**  
**Motion for a resolution presented by Ms Brasseur and others**  
Doc. 12790, to the Political Affairs Committee *for report*

### REQUEST TO EXTEND REFERENCES

1. **Jewish cemeteries**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Mr Eörsi and others**  
Doc. 12115  
Ref. 3641 - validity: 29 January 2012, extension until 30 June 2012
2. **Access to and protection of the audiovisual cultural heritage**  
**Motion for a recommendation presented by Ms Fiala and others**  
Doc. 12077  
Ref. 3627 of 25 January 2010 - validity: 25 January 2012, extension until 30 June 2012

## **Appendix II**

### Appointments of Assembly Representatives for official activities

- a. Mr Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly winter meeting, Vienna, 23-24 February 2012 at no cost for the Assembly;
- b. Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD), NATO Parliamentary Assembly spring session, Tallinn, 25-28 May 2012 at no cost for the Assembly;