



FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT

Secretariat of the Assembly

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The **Committee on Economic Affairs and Development**, meeting in Strasbourg on 11, 12 and 13 April 2011, with Mrs Naghdalyan in the chair, as regards:

- **Over-indebtedness of States: a danger for democracy and human rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): prepared the forthcoming debate in the Assembly and took position on the amendments tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee and the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs;
- **Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2010** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and adopted a draft report with a view to submitting it to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Underground economy: a threat to democracy, development and the rule of law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viktor Pleskachevskiy, Russian Federation, EDG*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his draft report and held an exchange of views;
- **Promoting microcredit for a more social economy** (*Rapporteur: Mr Márton Braun, Hungary, EPP/CD*): considered and adopted a draft report, including a preliminary draft resolution, with a view to presenting it for debate in the Standing Committee on 27 May 2011;
- **Priorities for the Committee's work in 2011**: heard a statement by its Chairperson and took note of the Committee's revised work programme;
- **Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly**: heard a statement by its Chairperson, held an exchange of views on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Assembly and instructed its Chairperson to submit its revised written contribution on the subject to the Ad Hoc Committee;
- **The impact of the Eastern Partnership of the European Union on governance and economic development in eastern Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*): took note that the debate on this issue had to be postponed to the Standing Committee in Kiev on 27 May 2011 and approved an amendment to the draft recommendation;
- **Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 12565) to PACE Recommendation 1937 (2010) on "The strategy, governance and functioning of the Council of Europe Development Bank"**: heard a statement by the Chairperson and Mr Elzinga, rapporteur on the subject, and agreed to return to this subject at a future meeting;
- **Representation at past and future events:**
 - **Meeting of the Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations**, Geneva, 21-22 March 2011: heard an account by Mr Elzinga, Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the results of the meeting;
 - **Meeting of the Bureau of the Assembly**, Strasbourg, 11 April 2011: heard a statement by its Chairperson;
 - **Preparation of the Committee meeting in Lamezia Terme**, Italy, 21-22 May 2011: heard a statement by its Chairperson;

- **Forum for the Future of Democracy on the subject of “The Interdependence of Democracy and Social cohesion”**, Cyprus, 13-14 October 2011: appointed Mr Braun (Hungary, EPP/CD) as its representative to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Forum;
- **2nd Operational Meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) Panel on External Trade and Investment in the Mediterranean**, 4-5 May 2011, Geneva: nominated Mr Kumcuoğlu, First Vice-Chairperson, to take part in this event (subject to the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly on 15 April 2011);
- appointed **rapporteurs** as follows:
 - **Investing in a low-carbon economy for growth and development** (*for report*) [Doc. 12495]: Mrs Doris Barnett (Germany, SOC);
 - **More women in economic and social decision-making bodies** (*for opinion*) [Doc. 12144]: Mrs Hermine Naghdalyan (Armenia, ALDE).
- decided to hold its **next meetings** as follows:
 - Lamezia Terme (Italy), 20-21 May 2011;
 - Strasbourg, 3rd part-session 2011 (20-24 June 2011);
 - Paris, 17 June 2011;
 - Strasbourg, 4th part-session 2011 (3-7 October 2011).

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