



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 6 October 2011, with Mrs Naghdalyan (Armenia, ALDE), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- ***The challenges faced by small national economies*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, Malta, SOC*): unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution and approved a draft report with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the meeting of the Standing Committee on 25 November 2011;
- ***Promoting an appropriate policy on tax-havens*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dirk van der Maelen, Belgium, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum;
- ***Measuring the well-being of European citizens*** (*Rapporteur: Alexander Earl of Dundee, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline for a report;
- ***Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 12725) to PACE Recommendation 1961 (2011) on the "Over-indebtedness of states: a danger for democracy and human rights"***: heard a statement by its Chair and agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting;
- ***Work programme of the Committee***: took note of its revised work programme and was informed about the new initiatives by its members;
- ***Representation at past and future events***:
 - **Meetings of the Bureau of the Assembly** on 5 September and 3 October 2011: heard a statement by its Chairperson;
 - **Parliamentary Panel and the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO** in the framework of the **WTO Public Forum 2010**, Geneva, 19-21 September 2011: heard statements by Mr Sasi and Mr Van der Maelen;
- appointed its representatives to the following events:
 - **Meeting of the Executive Council of the North-South Centre** on 2 November 2011 and **2011 Lisbon Forum of the North-South Centre** on 3-4 November 2011 in Lisbon: Mr Sasi, the Assembly's representative for the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development to the Executive Council of the Centre,;
 - **OECD High-Level Parliamentary Seminar "Addressing the social impact of the crisis"**, Paris (OECD Conference Centre), 10 October 2011: Mr Elzinga, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations (at no cost to the PACE budget);
- authorised Mr Elzinga, Rapporteur on the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), to carry out a fact-finding visit to the EBRD for the purposes of his report;

- **Changes in the composition of subcommittees:** designated new members as follows:
 - In the Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations:*
 - Mr Joe O'Reilly (Ireland) as member and Mr John Paul Phelan as alternate;
 - In the Sub-Committee on Development Issues:*
 - Mr John Paul Phelan (Ireland) as member and Mr Joe O'Reilly as alternate;
 - Mr Şaban Dişli (Turkey) as member and Mr Deniz Baykal as alternate;
- decided to hold its **next meeting** as follows:
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), 9 December 2011.

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- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
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