



**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 Paris on 9 December 2011, with Mrs Naghdalyan (Armenia, ALDE), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- ***Promoting an appropriate policy on tax-havens*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dirk van der Maelen, Belgium, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the basis of a revised introductory memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Mr Donal Godfrey, Deputy Head of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration;
  - Mr Philip Kermode, Director for Direct Taxation, Tax Coordination, Economic Analysis and Evaluation, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union of the European Commission;
  - Mr John Christensen, Director of the International Secretariat of the Tax Justice Network;
  - Professor Clemens Fuest, Research Director of the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation (United Kingdom);
- ***Exchange of views with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly***: heard statements by its Chairperson, Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, PACE President, and Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, Chairperson of the French Delegation to the PACE;
- ***Investing in a low-carbon economy for growth and development*** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC*): heard a presentation by and held an exchange of views with Mrs Helen Mountford, Deputy Director of the Environment Directorate of the OECD;
- ***The activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2010-2011: towards a new partnership in the Euro-Mediterranean region*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tuur Elzinga, the Netherlands, UEL*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on the basis of an outline for a report;
- ***Reply from the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 12792) to PACE Recommendation 1971 (2011) on "The impact of the Eastern Partnership of the European Union on governance and economic development in eastern Europe"***: heard a statement by its Chair and took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply;
- ***Work programme of the Committee***: took note of its revised work programme and the priorities for the Assembly's work in the economic field in 2012;
- ***Representation at past and future events***:
  - **OECD High-Level Parliamentary Seminar "Addressing the social impact of the crisis"**, Paris (OECD Conference Centre), 10 October 2011: heard an account by Mr Elzinga, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on International Economic Relations, on the discussions held during the seminar;
  - **Forum for the Future of Democracy on the subject of "The Interdependence of Democracy and Social cohesion"**, Cyprus, 13-14 October 2011: took note of the conclusions of the Forum;

- **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: took note of the decisions of the Executive Council and the conclusion of the 2011 Lisbon Forum;
- **Meetings of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee**, Edinburgh (the United Kingdom), 24-25 November 2011: heard a statement by its Chairperson;
- took note that the Assembly's work on economic issues will - from the first part-session 2012 - continue under the newly sets up Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development.

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