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## To the members of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 9 and 10 June 2011

The **Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs**, meeting in Strasbourg on 9 and 10 June, with first Mr Meale (UK, SOC) and then Mr Papadimoulis, (Greece, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Committee Chairperson:** elected **Mr Papadimoulis** (Greece, UEL) Chairman, by acclamation;
- **Aims of and obstacles to sustainable development and energy policies:** held an exchange of views with a delegation from the **Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety** of the **European Parliament**, composed of:
  - Mr Leinen, Chairman (Germany)
  - Mr Eickhout (Netherlands)
  - Mr Gerbrandy (Netherlands)
  - Mrs Kadenbac (Austria)
  - Mrs Liotard (Netherlands)
  - Mrs Rivasi (France)
  - Mrs Rosbach (Denmark)

and, in this connection decided to:

- prepare a joint European parliamentary input to the Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (Durban, COP-17, December 2011)
- invite the European Parliament to be associated in the preparation of the Council of Europe transversal Conference on the Environment, Climate Change and Human Rights, to be held in Strasbourg in October 2012;
- regularly hold joint meetings on issues of common interest;
- **The environmental impact of sunken shipwrecks** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Papadimitriou, Greece, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - **Professor Demosthenes Asimakopoulos**, Rector of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
  - **Professor Alexandros Lascaratos**, Professor of Physical Oceanography, University of Athens, Greece

- **Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly:** held an exchange of views;
- **Draft European Charter on Shared Social Responsibilities:** held an exchange of views with the participation of **Mrs Gilda Farrell**, Head of the Social Cohesion Research and Development Division of the Council of Europe;
- **The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard a presentation by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views;
- **Armed conflicts and the environment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft resolution and held an exchange of views;
- **Preventing natural disasters** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Marin, France, EPP/CD*): considered an outline report and held an exchange of views;
- **The impact of the world economic crisis on local and regional authorities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an outline report and held an exchange of views;
- **CIS programme: 4<sup>th</sup> Nevsky International Ecological Congress (St Petersburg, 16-17 May 2011)**: heard a report on the Conference by Mr Meale;
- **Preparatory meeting of the Parliamentary Political Process to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Strasbourg, 10 June 2011)**: took part in the preparatory meeting;
  
- **Work Programme:**
  - appointed the following rapporteur:

*Offshore wind farms: an economic and ecological opportunity for Europe: Mrs Marin (France, EPP/CD)* and heard from her a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest;
  - appointed the following members (*subject to the availability of funds*) to represent it:
    - St Petersburg International Economic Forum, 16-18 June 2011, St Petersburg: **Mrs Marin** (without expenses for the Assembly);
    - European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy, 19-21 September 2011, Strasbourg: **Mr Meale**;
    - Bern Convention Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change, 10-11 October 2011, Strasbourg: **Mr Papadimoulis**;
  
- **Forthcoming meetings:**

**Hünfeld** (Germany), 27 August 2011: Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (on the occasion of the presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize 2011 to one of the two winning towns) (*to confirm and subject to authorisation of the Assembly Bureau*)

**Strasbourg**, 3-7 October 2011: plenary meeting (during the Assembly part-session)

**Landerneau** (France), 15-17 October 2011: Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (on the occasion of the presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize 2011 to one of the two winning towns) (*to confirm and subject to authorisation of the Assembly Bureau*)

**Kyiv**, 2-4 November 2011: Sub-Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (on the occasion of the Conference of Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government) (*subject to authorisation of the Assembly Bureau*)

**Alfortville** and **Paris**, 27 and 28 November 2011: Sub-Committee on Energy (Alfortville, 27 November - *to confirm and subject to authorisation of the Assembly Bureau*) and (Paris, 28 November: plenary meeting).

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