



24 June 2011

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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 21 and 23 June 2011

The **Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs**, meeting in Strasbourg on 21 and 23 June, with Mr Papadimoulis, (Greece, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): approved unanimously a draft opinion and amendments to the report of the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs;
- **Armed conflicts and the environment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Huseynov, Azerbaijan, ALDE*): approved unanimously a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Reform of the Assembly**: held an exchange of views;
- **Country risks models: role of parliamentarians**: held an exchange of views with participation of:

Mr Volodymyr Kosterin, President, Risk Reduction Foundation, Geneva

Mr Andrei Iatsenia, Executive Director, Risk Reduction Foundation

and decided to prepare a motion on Europe and integrated risk management and to ask its Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development to organise a hearing on this subject in September 2011 in Kyiv (*subject to authorisation by the Assembly Bureau*);

- **Europe Prize**: took part in the official presentation ceremony of the 2011 European Diplomas to 18 winning towns on 23 June;

- **Work Programme:**

- appointed the following rapporteur:

The activities of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2010-2011: Mr Papadimoulis (Greece, UEL) Committee spokesman on the report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development.

- appointed the following members to represent the committee (*subject to availability of sufficient funds*):

- Plenary session of the Congress (Strasbourg, 17-18 October 2011): **Mr Papadimoulis and Sir Alan Meale**;

- Reports on past events:

- **Mrs Marin**: International Economic Forum, St Petersburg, 16-18 June 2011;

- **Sub-Committee membership changes:**

- appointed **Mr Petkus**, Lithuania, member of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize; and **Mr Donabauer**, Austria, member of the Sub-Committee on Local and Regional Democracy and of the Sub-Committee on Energy;

In addition, the Committee paid tribute to **Mr Huss** (Luxembourg) who is leaving the Assembly;

- **Forthcoming meetings:**

Hünfeld (Germany), 27 August 2011: Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (on the occasion of the presentation ceremony);

Strasbourg, 3-7 October 2011 (during the Assembly part-session);

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

Kyiv (Ukraine), 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 (France), 27 November 2011: Sub-Committee on Energy *(to confirm)*,

Paris, 28 November 2011: plenary committee

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