



29 November 2011

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

Synopsis of the meeting held in PARIS on 28 November 2011

The **Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs**, meeting in Paris on 28 November 2011, with Mr Papadimoulis (Greece, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Food security** (*Rapporteur: Mrs John-Calame, Switzerland, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr **David Hallam**, Director of Trade and Markets Division, Economic and Social Department, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO); Senator **Francesco Amoruso**, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM); Mr **Francisco Mombiela**, Secretary General of the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (ICAMAS) and Mr **Hans Rudolf Herren**, President of the Biovision Foundation (NGO, Switzerland);
- **Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)**: held an exchange of views on the activities of PAM with the participation of Mr **Sergio Piazzi**, Secretary General, Senator **Francesco Amoruso** (Italy), Vice-President, and Senator **Lhou Lmarbouh** (Morocco), PAM Rapporteur on Energy;
- **The need for independent and credible assessment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Preda, Romania, EPP/CD*): adopted unanimously a draft resolution, as amended, and approved a draft report;
- **The environmental impact of sunken shipwrecks** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Papadimitriou, Greece, EPP/CD*): unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and approved a draft report;
- **The impact of the world economic crisis on local and regional authorities** (*Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard a presentation of a draft report by the Rapporteur, held an exchange of views;
- **Contribution to the work programme of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**: held an exchange of views on issues to be taken into account in the work programme of the new Committee and approved a memorandum;
- **Conference of Ministers responsible for Local and Regional Government** (Kyiv, 3-4 November 2011): heard a report by Sir Alan Meale, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Local and Regional Democracy, and held an exchange of views with **Mr Jean Claude Frécon** (France, SOC) in his capacity of President of the Chamber of Local Authorities and Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities;
- **Round Table "What energy mix for the future?"** (Alfortville, 27 November 2011): heard a report by Mrs Christine Marin, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Energy and agreed that the energy issue should be closely followed by the future Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;

- **Work Programme:**

- *Reports on past activities:* heard reports by:
- **Mrs Papademetriou** on the Meeting of the enlarged task force of the Committee of Senior Officials of the CEMAT (Conference of Ministers responsible for spatial development) held on 13-14 October 2011 in Athens;

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The **Sub-committee on Energy**, meeting in Alfortville (Paris) on 27 November 2011, with Mrs Marin (France, EPP) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Round table “What energy mix for the future?”** hosted by **Mr René Rouquet**, Mayor of Alfortville and member of the Committee : heard presentations on different forms of energy (nuclear, solar, photovoltaic, biomass, wind, marine and geothermal) and held an exchange of views with :

Mr Jean-Louis Bal, President of the SER (Syndicat des Energies Renouvelables – union of renewable energies)

Mr Daniel Fidelin, member of the Committee on Sustainable Development, French National Assembly and Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Taskforce on Wind Turbines

Mr Vladimir Grachev, Honorary member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Professor, Member of the Academy of Sciences of Russia

Mr Fabrice Huret, Vice-President of Brest Métropole Océane, former Chair of the Faculty of Science

Mrs Cécile Maisonneuve, Deputy Director of Public Affairs, AREVA

Dr O. Steinmetz, DESERTEC project

Mr Romain Vernier, Director of the Geothermal Energy Department at the BRGM (Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières)

The Round Table was closed by **Mr Jean-Claude Mignon**, Chair of the French Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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