

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 7 January 2002 with Mr Jansson, then Mr Magnusson, in the Chair, as regards:

- *Situation of the political prisoners in Azerbaijan* (Rapporteur: Mr Clerfayt, Belgium, LDR):
 - i. heard a report on the meeting held on 17 and 18 December 2001 with members of the parliamentary delegation of Azerbaijan and on the Rapporteur's visit to Azerbaijan on 27 and 28 December 2001, considered a draft report to be presented at the January 2002 part-session, considered, amended and adopted a draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur;
 - ii. instructed its Chairperson to ask the Bureau of the Assembly that the report be withdrawn from the order of business of the January 2002 part-session if Azerbaijan released, before 21 January 2002, the eleven political prisoners recognised as such by the independent experts appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

- *Combating terrorism and respect for human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunault, France, EDG): held an exchange of views with Mr Guy de Vel, Director General of Legal Affairs, considered a preliminary draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur, and decided to ask for the matter to be inscribed, under urgent procedure, on the order of business of the January 2002 part-session;

- *Situation in Cyprus* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC): considered a draft report tabled by the Political Affairs Committee, considered, amended and approved a draft opinion submitted by the Rapporteur;

- *Social consequences of and responses to drug misuse in member States* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Marty, Switzerland, LDR): considered a revised draft report tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, and instructed its Rapporteur to present an oral opinion at the January 2002 part-session;
- *Next meetings:*
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's January 2002 part-session
 - . Paris, Monday 18 March 2002 at 9 h 30 (Council of Europe Office)
 - . Paris, Tuesday 19 March 2002, 9 h 30 – 13 h (Conditions of detention in Council of Europe member States) (Council of Europe office)
 - . Saratov (Russian Federation), May-June 2002 (date to be fixed) (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)

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