



## 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 Strasbourg on 21 January 2002 at 14 h with Mr Jansson in the Chair, as regards:

- *Situation in the Chechen Republic* (Rapporteur: Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC): considered, amended and approved a draft opinion containing amendments to the report of the Political Affairs Committee, presented by the Rapporteur;

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**The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, meeting in Strasbourg on 21 January 2002 at 19 h 30, with Mr Akçali, senior member present, and then Mr Lintner in the Chair, as regards:

- *Election of the Committee's Bureau*: elected by acclamation Mr Lintner (Germany, EPP/CD) Chairperson, Mr Magnusson (Sweden, SOC) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson, Ms Gülek (Turkey, SOC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson, and Mr Marty (Switzerland, LDR) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson;

and resuming its meeting on 22 January 2002 at 8 h 30 and 14 h, with Mr Lintner in the Chair,

- *Combating terrorism and respect for human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunault, France, EDG): considered, amended and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation submitted by the Rapporteur;
- *Implementation of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC): authorised the Rapporteur to submit two oral amendments to the Plenary in order to take into account new developments;
- *Repayment of the deposits of foreign exchange made in the offices of the Ljubljanska Banka not on the territory of Slovenia, 1977-1991* (Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the state of proceedings and decided to return to the matter at one of its meetings during the April 2002 part-session;

- *Reconstitution of Sub-Committees:* reconstituted its Sub-Committees as follows:

### **Sub-Committee on Human Rights**

<u>Titular member</u>			<u>Alternate member</u>	
Mr	Akçali	Turkey	Mrs	Gülek
Mr	Asciak	Malta		
Mr	Bindig	Germany		
Mr	Cilevics	Latvia		
Mr	Clerfayt	Belgium	Mr	Vanoost
Mr	Contestabile	Italy	Mr	Manzella
Mr	Demetriou	Cyprus	Mrs	Pericleous Papadopoulos
Mr	Dimas	Greece		
Mr	Dreyfus-Schmidt	France		
Mr	Enright	Ireland	Mr	Daly
Mrs	Err	Luxembourg	Mrs	Delvaux-Stehres
Mr	Frunđa	Romania	Mr	Olteanu
Mr	Holovaty	Ukraine		
Mr	Jaskiernia	Poland	Mr	Kroll
Mr	Jurgens	Netherlands	Mrs	van Ardenne-van der Hoeven
Mr	Kelemen	Hungary	Mr	Tabajdi
Mrs	Lopez Gonzalez	Spain	Mr	Sole Tura
Mr	Magnusson	Sweden		
Mr	McNamara	United Kingdom	Mr	Bruce
Mrs	Nabholz-Haidegger	Switzerland	Mr	Marty
Mr	Shishlov	Russia		
Mr	Spindelegger	Austria	Mrs	Stoisits
Mr	Stankevič	Lithuania	Mr	Landsbergis
Mr	Svoboda	Czech Republic	Mr	Mezihorak
Mr	Tallo	Estonia		
Mr	Vera Jardim	Portugal	Mr	Monteiro
Mrs	Wohlwend	Liechtenstein		
Mr	Lintner, <i>ex officio</i>	Germany		

### **Sub-Committee on Penal Law and Criminology**

<u>Titular member</u>			<u>Alternate member</u>	
Mr	Akçali	Turkey	Mr	Andican
Mr	Bruce	United Kingdom	Mr	Marshall D.
Mr	Chaklein	Russia	Mr	Kovalev N.
Mr	Dreyfus-Schmidt	France	Mr	Hunault
Mr	Enright	Ireland		
Mr	Jaskiernia	Poland	Mr	Markowski
Mrs	Lopez-Gonzales	Spain	Mr	Guardans
Mr	Marty	Switzerland	Mrs	Nabholz-Haidegger
Mr	McNamara	United Kingdom	Mr	Lloyd
Mr	Monteiro	Portugal	Mr	Vera Jardim
Mr	Olteanu	Romania	Mr	Stoica
Mr	Pellicini	Italy	Mr	Piscitello
Mrs	Stoisits	Austria	Mrs	Wurm
Mr	Lintner, <i>ex officio</i>	Germany		

and resuming its meeting on 23 January at 14 h and on 24 January 2002 at 8 h 30 with Mr Lintner in the Chair,

- *Law regarding the Hungarians living in neighbouring countries, adopted on 19 June 2001 by the Hungarian Parliament and Transfrontier co-operation in preserving the identity of national minorities* (Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised him to go to Budapest, Bucharest and Bratislava;
- *Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's application for membership of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Lippelt, Germany, LDR): heard a report on the Rapporteur's visit to Belgrade (Serbia) and Podgorica (Montenegro) from 15 to 21 December 2001, and authorised him to go again to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, including Kosovo;
- *Draft convention on contact concerning children* (Rapporteur: Mrs Lopez-Gonzalez, Spain, SOC), considered, amended and adopted a draft opinion submitted by the Rapporteur;
- *Russia's law on religion* (Rapporteur: Mr McNamara, United Kingdom, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum submitted by the Rapporteur;
- *Situation in Belarus* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Svoboda, Czech Republic, EPP/CD): decided to ask the Bureau for authorisation to send an *ad hoc* sub-committee to the seminar on Belarus to take place in Vilnius at the end of February 2002;
- *Legal situation of Roma in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Tabajdi, Hungary, SOC): considered and approved the Rapporteur's proposals for the organisation of a second hearing in Paris on the legal situation of Roma in Europe, with the participation of Roma representatives, and fixed the date (4 March 2002);
- *Fight against terrorism and respect for human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunault, France, EDG): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- *Political prisoners in Azerbaijan* (Rapporteur: Mr Clerfayt, Belgium, LDR): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- *Protection of minorities in Belgium* (Rapporteur: Mrs Nabholz-Haidegger, Switzerland, LDR): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the meeting held in Brussels on 19 January 2002 and authorised her to meet the experts of the Venice Commission on this subject;
- *Appointment of representatives*: appointed Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in the meeting of the Venice Commission, in Venice on 8 and 9 March 2002 and of the Working Group of the Venice Commission on electoral matters, in Venice on 7 March 2002;
- *Next meetings*:
  - . Paris, Monday 4 March 2002, 9 h 30 – 17 h (Hearing on the legal situation of Roma in Europe (National Assembly))
  - . Paris, Monday 18 March 2002 at 9 h 30 (Council of Europe Office)
  - . Paris, Tuesday 19 March 2002, 9 h 30 – 17 h (Hearing on conditions of detention in Council of Europe member States) (Council of Europe office)
  - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's April 2002 part-session
  - . Paris, Friday 17 May 2002 at 9 h 30 (to be decided)
  - . Saratov (Russian Federation), 13-14 June 2002 (new dates to be agreed upon) (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)

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**The Sub-Committee on Human Rights**, of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2002 with Mr McNamara, senior member present, and then Mrs Wohlwend in the Chair, as regards:

- *Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee*: elected Mrs Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD) Chairperson and Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC) Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- *European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)*: considered lists of candidates on behalf of France and Norway, and recommended that the Assembly's Bureau transmit them to the Committee of Ministers indicating the order of preference of the Sub-Committee;
- *Conditions of detention in Council of Europe member States*: prepared the hearing of the plenary Committee to take place in Paris on 19 March 2002;
- *Fate of the British prisoners on the American base in Guantanamo*: instructed Mr McNamara (United Kingdom, SOC) to prepare a motion for a resolution;
- *Next meetings*:
  - . Tokyo (Japan), beginning of April 2002 (Seminar on the abolition of the death penalty) (date to be confirmed) (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau)
  - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's April 2002 part-session

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