

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 22 April 2002 with Mr Lintner in the Chair, as regards:

- *Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's application for membership of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Lippelt, Germany, LDR): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, confirmed his rapporteurship, and authorised him to go to the country (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:*
 - i. Situation in the Middle East (for opinion): Mr McNamara (United Kingdom, SOC)
 - ii. Conviction of Grigory Pasko: Mr Bindig (Germany, SOC)
- *Situation of political prisoners in Azerbaijan* (Rapporteur: Mr Clerfayt, Belgium, LDR): appointed Mr Clerfayt (Belgium, LDR) and Mr Pollozhani («former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia», EDG) members of the *ad hoc* sub-committee of the Committee on political prisoners in Azerbaijan;
- *10th Anniversary International Judicial Conference: "Courts of ultimate appeal: Issues of Judicial Independence"* (Strasbourg, 22-24 May 2002): set up an *ad hoc* sub-committee to participate in the Conference organised by the Center for Democracy, composed of: Mrs Hadjiyeva (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD), Mr Hunault (France, EDG), Mr Kresák (Slovakia, LDR), Mr Kroll (Poland, EPP/CD) and Mr McNamara (United Kingdom, SOC);
- *Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)*: appointed Mr Akçali (Turkey, EDG) as its representative at the meetings of GRECO;
- *Next meetings:*

Plenary Committee:

 - . Strasbourg, Tuesday 23 April 2002 at 8 h 30 (Room 10)
 - . Strasbourg, Tuesday 23 April 2002 at the end of the Assembly's afternoon sitting (Room 10)
 - . Strasbourg, Wednesday 24 April 2002 at 14 h (Room 10)
 - . Strasbourg, Thursday 25 April 2002 at 8 h 30 (Room 10)
 - . Paris, Friday 17 May 2002 at 9 h 30 (Council of Europe Office)
 - . Saratov (Russian Federation), 13-14 June 2002
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's June 2002 part-session

Sub-Committee on Human Rights:

 - . Strasbourg, Thursday 25 April 2002 at 14 h (Room 10)
 - . Tokyo (Japan), 27-28 May 2002 (Seminar on the abolition of the death penalty)
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's June 2002 part-session

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