

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 3 March 2003 with Mr Marty, 1st Vice-Chairperson, then Mr Jurgens, 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- *Human Rights situation in the Chechen Republic* (Rapporteur: Mr Bindig, Germany, SOC): considered and adopted a draft resolution, a draft recommendation and a draft order submitted by the Rapporteur;
- *Preferential treatment of national minorities by the kin-state: the case of the Hungarian law of 19 June 2001 on Hungarians living in neighbouring countries ("Magyars")* (Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC): considered and adopted a draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur;
- *Consequences of European Union enlargement for freedom of movement between Council of Europe member states* (Rapporteur: Mr Shybko, Ukraine, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Laura Corrado, representative of the European Commission, and Dr Marek Kupiczewski, expert;
- *Areas where the European Convention on Human Rights cannot be implemented* (Rapporteur: Mr Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP): considered and adopted a draft recommendation submitted by the Rapporteur, and declassified the minutes of the colloquy held in Paris on 26 November 2002;
- *Appointment of representatives:*
 - Group of specialists on freedom of expression and other fundamental rights (MM-S-FR) (Strasbourg, 10-12 March 2003): Mr Olteanu (Romania, SOC);
 - *Seminar on the abolition of the death penalty in the United States of America*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights (Mrs Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP);

- *Reflection Group on the reinforcement of the Human Rights protection mechanism (CDDH-GDR)*: instructed its Chairman to send a letter to the President of the Assembly asking him to take the necessary steps to ensure that the latter be formally asked for an opinion on the reforms which will be proposed before their adoption by the Committee of Ministers;
- *Next meetings*:
 - . Strasbourg, during the Assembly's April 2003 part-session
 - . Berlin (Germany), Tuesday 29 April 2003

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