



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

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**The Sub-Committee on Human Rights** (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Geneva (Switzerland) on 13 October 2005 with Mr Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT):** considered and agreed on recommendations for candidatures to the CPT with respect to Norway;
- **Situation in Belarus:** took note of the document submitted by a group of Belarusian non-governmental organisations on the peaceful remembrance planned on 16 October 2005 of the disappearance of Viktor Hanchar, Yury Zakharenka, Anatol Krasouski and Dzmitry Zavadski, and invited its Chairman to make a statement in support of the said initiative, recalling Assembly Resolution 1371 (2004) and its call to hold MM. Sheyman, Sivakov and Pavlichenko criminally responsible for their involvement in these disappearances;
- **Held an exchange of views with Mrs Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and senior members of her staff,**
- **Held an exchange of views with human rights NGOs present in Geneva** (International Commission of Jurists, International Federation for Human Rights, International Service for Human Rights, Human Rights Watch, Association for the prevention of torture, Quaker UN Office);
- **Next meeting:**
  - o Strasbourg, during the Assembly's January 2006 part-session (23-27 January 2006).

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