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To the Members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 22 November 2005

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 22 November 2005 with Mr Marty (Switzerland, ALDE), in the Chair, as regards

- ***Alleged secret detention centres in Council of Europe member States:*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Marty, Switzerland, ALDE*):
 - considered and took note of an information memorandum submitted by the Rapporteur, decided to declassify it and transmit it to the Bureau with a view to its public distribution at the Standing Committee in Bucharest on 25 November 2005
 - held an exchange of views with Mrs Kathalijne Buitenweg, MEP (Netherlands, Group of the Greens), Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament and Mr Emmanuel Crabit, Principal Administrator in the Directorate-General for Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission
 - asked its Chairperson to table a motion for a resolution on alleged secret detention centres in Council of Europe member States and to propose to the President of the Assembly that the text be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report as soon as possible;

- ***Ratification of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities by the Council of Europe member states*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cilevics, Latvia, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Detlev Rein, Chairperson of the Committee of Experts on Issues relating to the Protection of National Minorities (DH-MIN)
 - Mr Alan Phillips, Expert
 - Representatives of the governments of Andorra, Belgium, France, Greece and Monaco
 - Representatives of the following NGOs: "Ligue des droits de l'homme" and "Liga voor Mensenrechten" (Belgium), Minority Rights Group (France), Public Movement Multinational Georgia (Georgia) and Greek Helsinki Monitor (Greece);

- ***Next meetings:***
 - Paris, Tuesday 13 December 2005 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session of 2006 (23-27 January).

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