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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Napflion (Greece) on 15 September 2006

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Napflion (Greece) on 15 September 2006 with Mr Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Fair trial issues in criminal cases concerning espionage or divulging state secrets*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting them at a forthcoming part-session of the Assembly;
- ***Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights – stock-taking and perspectives*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Arabadjiev, Bulgaria, SOC*):
 - held an exchange of views with Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - considered an introductory memorandum by the Rapporteur;
- ***Council of Europe annual report on the state of human rights in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, took note of the Bureau's request on this issue at its meeting on 6 September 2006 in Paris and asked its Chairperson to write and inform the Bureau of the observations and positions expressed during the debate;
- ***Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting them at the October 2006 part-session of the Assembly;
- ***The 2003 guidelines on the use of minority languages in the broadcast media and the Council of Europe standards: need to enhance cooperation and synergy with the OSCE*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation with a view to presenting them to the Standing Committee in November 2006;

- **The Greek Minister of Education and Religious Affairs:** heard a statement by Mrs Marietta Giannakou, Minister;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - *Accession of the Republic of Montenegro to the Council of Europe* (for opinion): Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC);
- **Alleged secret detentions and unlawful inter-state transfers of detainees involving Council of Europe member states:**
 - heard a statement by its Chairperson;
 - appointed Mr Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) Rapporteur;
 - authorised the Rapporteur to make public the database of flight movements drawn up on the basis of information obtained from Eurocontrol and from national air traffic control organisms;
- **Investigation of crimes allegedly committed by high officials during the Kuchma rule in Ukraine** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Germany, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her visit to Ukraine on 11-12 July 2006;
- **Sub-Committee on Human Rights** (*Chairperson: Mr Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): heard a report by its Chairperson on the meeting held in Napflion on 15 September 2006 and asked the Chairperson of the Committee to write to the Bureau requesting that the motion on the situation of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states be treated independently and not taken into account in the report on “the situation of human rights in Europe”;
- **Imvros and Tenedos** (*Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to the region in December 2006 or in spring 2007;
- **Prosecution of offences falling within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia** (*Rapporteur: Mr Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC*): authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Belgrade, Sarajevo, Zagreb and Podgorica before the end of the year;
- **Serious human rights violations in Libya – inhuman treatment of Bulgarian medical staff:** took note of a Declaration on this issue adopted by the Bureau on 6 September 2006;
- **Appointment of representatives of the Committee :**
 - Hearing on the representation of autonomous regions and minorities in national governments (organised by the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities) (Strasbourg, 29 September 2006): Mr Manzella (Italy, SOC) (without costs for the Assembly);
- **Next meetings:**
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 4th part-session (2-6 October 2006)
 - Paris, Monday 6 November 2006 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)
 - Paris, Monday 18 December 2006 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 1st part-session (22-26 January 2007)

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Napflion (Greece) on 15 September 2006 with Mr Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in the Chair as regards :

- **Harassment of Human Rights defenders Rena and Murad Sadaddinov (Azerbaijan):** asked its Chairperson to write to the authorities of Azerbaijan informing them of the Sub-Committee's discussions and to forward copy of this letter to the Monitoring Committee;
- **Alleged summary execution in Ingushetia and secret prison in Grozny:** asked its Chairperson to send another letter to the Chairperson of the Russian parliamentary delegation;
- **Situation of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states:** decided to ask the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to write to the Bureau requesting that the motion on this issue be treated independently and not taken into account in the report on "the situation of Human Rights in Europe";
- **Next meetings:**
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session (2-6 October 2006)

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