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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 18 December 2006

**The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, meeting in Paris on 18 December 2006 with Mr Marty (Switzerland, ALDE), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Child victims: stamping out all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD*):
  - held an exchange of views with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
  - approved a modified title as proposed by the Rapporteur
  - considered and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting them at the 2007 Assembly's January part-session;
- **Respect for Human Rights in the fight against terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valery Grebennikov, Russian Federation, EDG*): considered an introductory memorandum by the Rapporteur and took note that his mandate had been extended until 31 January 2007;
- **The United States of America and international Law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tony Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum by the Rapporteur;
- **State of Human Rights and democracy in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christos Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and took note of an outline report and of the decisions taken by the Bureau on this matter at its meeting on 15 December 2006;
- **Prosecution of offences falling within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tony Lloyd, United Kingdom, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Podgorica, Belgrade, Sarajevo and Zagreb from 20 to 23 November 2006;
- **Accession of the Republic of Montenegro to the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Erik Jurgens, Netherlands, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur for opinion, heard a statement by the Monitoring Committee's co-rapporteur for opinion on their joint fact-finding visit to Podgorica from 29 November to 1 December 2006, also heard a statement by the Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee and authorised the Rapporteur for opinion to participate in a meeting with the rapporteurs of the Political Affairs Committee and the Monitoring Committee and the Eminent Lawyers in January 2007;

- ***Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*** took note of a memorandum concerning the Maltese list of candidates sent to the Bureau by the Chairperson of the Committee and the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights, and took note of the Bureau's decision to refer this matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
  - *Co-operation with the International Criminal Court (ICC) and its universality:* appointed Mrs Herta Däubler-Gmelin (Germany, SOC) Rapporteur on this matter, replacing Mr Michel Hunault (France, EDG), with his agreement;
- ***Appointment of representatives of the Committee:***
  - 3rd World Congress against the death penalty (Paris, 1-3 February 2007): Mrs Renate Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD);
- ***Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee:*** took note of written comments by the Rapporteurs on the following replies:
  - Consequences of European Union enlargement for freedom of movement between Council of Europe member states (Recommendation 1648 (2004)): Mr Vitaliy Shybko (Ukraine, SOC)
  - European Prisons Charter (Recommendation 1747 (2006)): Mr Michel Hunault (France, GDE)
  - Alleged secret detentions and unlawful inter-state transfers of detainees involving Council of Europe member states (Recommendation 1754 (2006)): Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE)
- ***Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars, etc.:*** took note of reports on the following events:
  - Colloquy on "Protecting and supporting human rights defenders in Europe" (Strasbourg, 13-14 November 2006): Mr Holger Haibach (Germany, EPP/CD)
  - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) (Strasbourg, 4-5 December 2006): Mr Bartumeu Cassany (Andorra, SOC)
  - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) (Strasbourg, 12-15 December 2006): Mr Boriss Cilevics (Latvia, SOC)
- ***Adoption of the United Nations Convention on enforced disappearances:*** authorised the publication of a public statement on 20 December 2006, on the occasion of the adoption of the Convention by the General Assembly;
- ***Next meetings:***
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session (22-26 January 2007)
  - Strasbourg, Monday 12 mars 2007

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