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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Monaco on 10 March 2009

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Monaco on 10 March 2009 at 9 am, with Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

- held an **exchange of views with Mr Mauro Palma, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)** on CPT priority concerns, cooperation between the CPT and the Assembly and the functioning of CPT selection procedures;

and, as regards:

- **Unlawful transfers of detainees and secret detentions: how to react to the position taken by the new U.S. administration?:** held an exchange of views with Mr Gerald Staberock, Director, Global Security and the Rule of Law Programme, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ);
- **Next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Rights of Minorities (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Monaco on 10 March 2009 at 2 pm, with Mr József Berényi (Slovak Republic, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Work programme:** considered a work programme;
- **Minority protection in Europe: best practices and deficiencies in implementation of common standards** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Greece from 26 to 28 February 2009; held an exchange of views with Mr Asbjørn Eide, former President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and with Mrs Snjezana Bokulic, Minority Rights Group Europe (Budapest);
- **The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriy Pysarenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mrs Vesna Crnic-Grotic, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages and considered a draft questionnaire to be sent to the national delegations of Council of Europe member states;

- **The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr József Berényi, Slovak Republic, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- **Next meeting**: left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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cc: Secretary General and secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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