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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Târgu Mureş (Romania) on 18 and 19 May 2009

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Târgu Mureş (Romania) on 18-19 May 2009 with Mrs Herta Däubler-Gmelin (Germany, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with the local authorities:** held an exchange of views with the following persons:
 - Ms Edita Emöke Lokodi, President of the Mureş County Council
 - Mr Marius Pascan, Prefect of Mureş County
- **The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr József Berényi, Slovak Republic, EPP/CD*):
 - held a hearing on the situation of Roma in Romania with the participation of the following experts:
 - Mr Gheorghe Răducănu, coordinator of the Romanian delegation to the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)
 - Ms Smaranda Enache, Co-Chairperson, Liga Pro Europa
 - Ms Maria Korek, Program Director, Project on Ethnic Relations
 - Ms Delia-Luiza Niță, Anti-discrimination Programme Manager, Center for Legal Resources
 - Mr Iulian Stoian, Executive Director, Roma Civic Alliance
 - Mr Dezideriu Gergely, Romanian member and President of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers (MG-S-ROM) and Member of the Steering Board of the National Council for Combating Discrimination, Romania
 - Mr Csaba Ferenc Asztalos, President of the National Council for Combating Discrimination
 - Ms Iulia Adriana Oana Badea, Secretary of State for Education for National Minorities, Ministry of Education and Research
 - Mr Robert Laurențiu Iapornicu, President of the National Agency for the Roma
 - Ms Elisabeta David, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
 - heard a statement by the Fundamental Rights Agency: EU-wide minorities discrimination survey – the Roma:
 - Ms Eva Sobotka, Human Rights Officer, External Relations and Networking Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- **Sub-Committee on Human Rights** (*Chairperson: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD*): heard a report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held in Monaco on 10 March 2009;

- **Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Lithuania on 23 April 2009;
- **The state of human rights in Europe: The need to eradicate impunity** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Herta Däubler-Gmelin, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting them at the Assembly's June 2009 part-session;
- **Ban on cluster munitions** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Holger Haibach, Germany, EPP/CD*): (in the absence of the rapporteur) considered a report presented by the Political Affairs Committee and approved an opinion;
- **Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy (Kyiv (Ukraine), 21-23 October 2009)**: decided to propose the following members for the Bureau's Ad Hoc Committee: Mrs Herta Däubler-Gmelin (Germany, EPP/CD), Mr Janusz Rachoń (Poland, EPP/CD), Lord Tomlinson (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG) and Mrs Renate Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD);
- **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars, etc.:** heard a report by the following representative:
 - Conference "The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages: achievements and challenges" (Bilbao (Spain), 20-21 April 2009): Mr József Berényi (Slovak Republic, EPP/CD);
- **Composition of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights:** took note of the following changes:
 - Mr Holger Haibach (Germany, EPP/CD) and Mr Aleksei Lotman (Estonia, UEL) to become members;
- **For a Europe-wide sex offenders register** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD*): decided to ask the Bureau for an extension of the mandate until 31 March 2010;
- **Minority protection in Europe: best practices and deficiencies in implementation of common standards** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): decided to ask the Bureau for an extension of the mandate until 31 December 2009;
- **Next meetings:**

Plenary Committee:

 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2009 (22-26 June)
 - Paris, Friday 11 September 2009 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2009 (28 September – 2 October 2009)
 - Paris, Monday 16 November 2009 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)
 - Paris, Wednesday 16 December 2009 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)

Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:

 - Paris, Monday 8 June 2009 (afternoon) (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)

Sub-Committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism:

 - Florence (Italy), 18-19 September 2009 (Conference: "Fight against Terrorism: Challenges for the Judiciary", co-organised by the European University Institute and the Venice Commission, in collaboration with the Sub-Committee) (*subject to authorisation of the Assembly's Bureau*)

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