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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 16 March 2010

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 16 March 2010 with Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **The necessity to take additional international legal steps to deal with sea piracy** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting them at the Assembly's April 2010 part-session;
- **Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): confirmed the appointment of Mr Gross as rapporteur and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting them at the Assembly's April 2010 part-session;
- **For a Europe-wide sex offenders register** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD*):
  - decided to modify the title of the report: "Reinforcing measures against sex offenders";
  - considered and approved a report and adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting them at a forthcoming Assembly part-session;
  - declassified the rapporteur's introductory memorandum (document AS/Jur (2008) 51);
- **Draft third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà i Costa, Spain, ALDE*): considered and approved a report and adopted a draft opinion, with a view to presenting them at the May 2010 Standing Committee;
- **Guaranteeing the authority and effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights** (*Rapporteur: Mrs Marie-Louise Bemelmans-Videc, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Conference on the Future of the European Court of Human Rights held in Interlaken on 17-18 February 2010;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
  - *Effective implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights: the Interlaken process:* Mrs Marie-Louise Bemelmans-Videc (Netherlands, EPP/CD)
- **Appointment of representatives of the Committee:**
  - Europol Conference on Witness Protection (Dubrovnik, 5-6 May 2010): Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD)

- **Membership of sub-committees:** took note of the following changes:
  - Ms Anette Hübinger (Germany, EPP/CD) to become a titular member of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights, with Mr Holger Haibach (Germany, EPP/CD) as alternate;
  - Mr Telmo Correia (Portugal, EDG) to become a titular member of the Sub-Committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism;
- **Invitation from the Georgian delegation:** thanked the Georgian delegation for the invitation to meet in Georgia (*dates to be decided and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau*);
- **The situation of the Muslim minority (who regard themselves as Turks) in Rhodes and Kos** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Rhodes, Kos and Athens in April 2010;
- **Next meetings:**

*Plenary Committee:*

  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2010 (26-30 April)
  - Paris, Monday 31 May 2010 at 9 h (Council of Europe Office)
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2010 (21-25 June)

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

  - Paris, Wednesday 14 April 2010 (afternoon) (Council of Europe office)

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