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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Paris on 17 November 2010

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 17 November 2010 with Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in the Chair (except for the first item, when Mr Dick Marty, (Switzerland, ALDE), took the Chair), as regards:

- **Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christos Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting them at the Assembly's January 2011 part-session;
- **Human rights and fight against terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Lord John Tomlinson, United Kingdom, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Álvaro Gil-Robles, former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, former People's Defender, Spain
 - Mr Vladimir Lukin, Ombudsman of the Russian Federation, Moscow, Russian Federation
 - Ms Ekaterina Sokiryanskaya, Hot Spots Programme, Memorial Human Rights Center, St Petersburg, Russian Federation
 - Ms Julia Hall, Amnesty International, Expert on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, London, United Kingdom
 - Mr Timothy Otty, QC, Barrister-at-Law, London, United Kingdom
- **20th anniversary of the European Committee against Torture: time to take stock and The need to establish effective, independent national mechanisms for monitoring places of detention** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum, decided to change the title of the report to "Strengthening torture prevention mechanisms in Europe" and decided to hold a hearing with the participation of experts, in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's January 2011 part-session.
- **Preventing harm to refugees and migrants in extradition and expulsion cases: Rule 39 indications by the European Court of Human Rights**: appointed Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) as Rapporteur for opinion;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs** :
 - *Ensuring the viability of the Strasbourg Court: structural deficiencies in States Parties*: appointed Mr Serhii Kivalov, (Ukraine, ALDE);

- *National Parliaments – Guarantors of Human Rights in Europe* (“*State of Human Rights in Europe*” debate – June part-session 2011): appointed Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD);
 - *Unfair economic competition by third countries: social dumping*: appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) as Rapporteur for Opinion;
- **Other business:**
- decided to ask the Bureau for an extension, until 30 June 2011, of the mandate of Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur for “Abuse of state secrecy and national security: obstacles to parliamentary and judicial scrutiny of human rights violations” ;
 - decided to ask the Bureau for an extension, until 31 March 2011, of the mandate of Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for “Request for an investigation to clarify the allegedly suspicious death of former President Boris Trajkovski of ‘the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia’”;
 - decided to hold a hearing, at its meeting in Paris on 8 March 2011, on the “International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances” (Rapporteur: Mr Christos Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPP/CD);
 - decided to hold a hearing, with the participation of experts, at its meeting of 16 December 2010, in Paris, on “National sovereignty and statehood in contemporary international law: the need for clarification” (Rapporteur: Mr Holger Haibach, Germany, EPP/CD);
 - took note of the Norwegian delegation’s invitation for the Committee to hold a meeting in Oslo on 6-7 June 2011 (subject to approval by the Bureau).
- **Next meetings:**
- Plenary Committee:*
- Paris, Thursday 16 December 2010 at 9:00 (Council of Europe Office)
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 1st part-session of 2011 (24-28 January 2011)
 - Paris, Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 9:00 (Council of Europe Office)
- Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights:*
- Strasbourg, Sunday 23 January 2011 at 16:00 (to be confirmed)
 - Paris, Monday 7 March 2011 at 9:00 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Sub-Committee on Human Rights:*
- Strasbourg, Tuesday 25th January 2011 (to be confirmed)

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