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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 7 September 2011

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 7 September 2011 with Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Abuse of State Secrecy and National Security: Obstacles to Parliamentary and Judicial Scrutiny of Human Rights Violations** (*Rapporteur: Mr Dick Marty, Switzerland, ALDE*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting them at the Assembly's October 2011 part-session;
- **Human Rights and Fight against Terrorism** (*Rapporteur: Lord John Tomlinson, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting them at the Assembly's October 2011 part-session;
- **The protection of privacy and personal data on the Internet and online media** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Rudy Salles, France, EPP/CD*): considered and unanimously approved the Committee's opinion with a view to the debate at the Assembly's October 2011 part-session;
- **Threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member states: asserting the Parliamentary Assembly's authority** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marieluise Beck, Germany, ALDE*): held a round table on the case of Sergey Magnitsky with the participation of:
 - Ms Elena A. Panfilova, General Director, Center for Anti-corruption Research and Initiative, Transparency International, Moscow
 - Ms Yevgenia M. Albats, Editor-in-Chief, The New Times, Moscow;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - **The protection of minors against sectarian influence:** appointed Mr Rudy Salles (France, EPP/CD);
 - **Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict** (*for opinion*): appointed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD);
- **Other business**
 - Following an invitation from the Serbian delegation, decided to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Crime Problems and the Fight against Terrorism on 28 October 2011 in Belgrade, Serbia;

- Decided to change the title of Mrs Bemelmans-Videc's report from "Ad hoc judges: a problem for the legitimacy of the European Court of Human Rights" to "Ad hoc judges at the European Court of Human Rights: an overview" and to present the report as an information report;
- Agreed to the participation of Mr Díaz Tejera in the hearing on "State media freedom in Europe" organised by the Sub-Committee on the Media of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, to be held in Stockholm on 12 September 2011, subject to the availability of funds.
- Agreed that the Committee Chairman should address an urgent appeal to the Governor of Florida (USA), Mr Rick Scott, to order a stay of the execution of Mr Manuel Valle, on humanitarian grounds.

- **Next meetings**

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2011 (3-7 October 2011)
- Paris, 16 November 2011 (Council of Europe Office)
- Paris, 13 December 2011, 9 am - 1 pm (Council of Europe Office)

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

- Belgrade, 28 October 2011, 9 am - 1 pm (Belgrade, Serbia)

Sub-Committee on Human Rights:

- Paris, 13 December 2011, 2.30 - 5.30 pm (Council of Europe Office)

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