



Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights  
*Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme*

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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 13 December 2011

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 13 December 2011 with Mr Serhiy Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE), second Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Population transfer as a human rights violation** (*Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution (presented by Ms Renate Wohlwend, Liechtenstein, EPP/CD, in the absence of the Rapporteur) with a view to presenting it at the Assembly's first part-session in January 2012, and agreed to change the title of the report to "Enforced population transfer as a human rights violation";
- **Human rights and Family Courts** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, Ms Renate Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD);
- **Appointment of Rapporteurs:**
  - **Promoting alternatives to imprisonment**: appointed Ms Nataša Vučković (Serbia, SOC);
  - **Keeping political and criminal responsibility separate**: appointed Mr Peter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD);
  - **Revision of the European Convention on transfrontier broadcasting**: appointed Mr James Clappison (United Kingdom, EDG);
- **Proposed creation of a Sub-Committee on the Rule of Law**: took note of a statement by the second Vice-Chairperson, Mr Serhiy Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE), and decided to return to this issue at the next meeting;
- **Participation of members in conferences, meetings etc.:** heard reports by the following representatives:
  - Round Table on Human Rights Defenders in the Council of Europe area, Strasbourg 27-28 October 2011: Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE);
  - Forum on Minority Issues, organised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, 29-30 November 2011: Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC);

- **Other business:**

- Agreed to the participation of Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) in a hearing at the European Parliament in Strasbourg in January 2012, at no cost to the Assembly;
- Agreed to the proposition of Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) to organise a hearing on “The situation of human rights’ defenders in Council of Europe member states” during the first part-session in January 2012;
- Confirmed the meeting of the plenary Committee on 12 March 2012 in Paris (Council of Europe Office);

- **Next meetings**

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s first part session of 2012 (23-27 January 2012)
- Paris, 12 March 2012, 9am - 5.30pm (Council of Europe Office)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 2<sup>nd</sup> part session of 2012 (23-27 April 2012)

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

- Strasbourg, 22 January 2011, 4pm-6.00 pm

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**The Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights** (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Paris on 12 December 2011, with Ms Renate Wohlwend (Liechtenstein, EPP/CD), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Candidates to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Belgium:** held an exchange of views with representatives of the Belgian Ministry of Justice;
- **Next meeting:** Strasbourg, 22 January 2011, 4.00pm-6.00pm

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**The Sub-Committee on Human Rights** (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting *in camera* in Paris on 13 December 2011, with Mr Serhiy Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE), second Vice-Chairperson of the plenary Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly:** held interviews with the candidates to the post of Commissioner for Human Rights and transmitted its views to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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