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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 4 September 2013

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 4 September 2013 with Mr Christopher Chope (*United Kingdom, EDG*) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a draft report and addendum and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Revision of the European Convention on transfrontier television** (*Rapporteur: Mr James Clappison, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:

Mr Tarlach McGONAGLE, Senior Researcher, Institute for Information Law (IViR), Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Mr Jean-Paul JACQUÉ, Honorary Director General and Special Counsellor to the Council of the European Union, Brussels, and visiting professor in College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium;

- **The European Convention on Human Rights: reinforcement and consolidation of the training of judges, prosecutors and lawyers** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Pierre Michel, France, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:

Ms Christiane SCHMALTZ, ECHR training specialist, ad hoc Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Judge at the Court of Appeal in Schleswig Holstein, Schleswig, Germany

Ms Galina ARAPOVA, ECHR training specialist, Director of Mass Media Defence Centre (NGO), Russian Federation

Mr Laurent PETTITI, Lawyer, Chairperson of the Committee on relations between the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights, France

Ms Ivana ROAGNA, Lawyer, ECHR training specialist, Italy;

- **Administrative Detention** (*Rapporteur: Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and decided to postpone the discussion to the Committee's next meeting;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**
 - Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights*: appointed Ms Marina Schuster (Germany, ALDE);
 - Measures to prevent abusive use of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS no. 112)* (replacement of Rapporteur following the departure of Mr Renato Farina (Italy, EPP/CD) from the Assembly): appointed Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG);

- **Follow-up to Bureau decisions**
- [Resolution 1943 \(2013\)](#): - **Corruption as a threat to the Rule of Law**: decided to postpone this item until the next meeting;
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013)**: took note of the decision taken at the Bureau's meeting in Dubrovnik to create an ad-hoc Sub-Committee to participate in this event and asked members to contact the secretariat if they were interested in participating (in a delegation to be approved during the October session);
- **Motion transmitted for information on "Prosecution of the Labour Party (Darbo Partija) in Lithuania"**: decided to postpone this item until the next meeting;
- **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc.:**
 - 95th plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 14-15 June 2013: Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG)
 - 60th GRECO plenary meeting, 17-21 June 2013, Strasbourg: Mr Robert Neill (United Kingdom, EDG)
 - 21st plenary meeting of CEPEJ, 20-21 June 2013, Strasbourg, Mr Volodymyr Pylypenko (Ukraine, SOC)

Postponed this point until the next meeting;
- **Other business**
 - Agreed to a proposal by Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for "Urgent need to deal with new failures to cooperate with the European Court of Human Rights" to hold a joint hearing on the matter with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons during the October part-session 2013 and to invite a maximum of two experts to participate in this hearing, subject to the availability of funds;
 - Agreed to a proposal by Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), Rapporteur for "Need to reinforce the independence of the European Court of Human Rights," to hold a hearing at the Committee meeting on 6 November 2013, and to invite a maximum of two experts to participate in this hearing, subject to the availability of funds;
 - Agreed to the participation of Mr Klaas de Vries (Netherlands, SOC) in a conference on "Selecting Europe's Judges: a critical appraisal of the appointment process to the European Courts" to be organised by the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium, on 4 November 2013, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Next meetings**: took note of forthcoming meetings and in particular the re-scheduled Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights to be held on Sunday 29 September 2013 in Strasbourg.

Plenary Committee:

- Paris, 6 November 2013 (Council of Europe Office)
- Paris, 12 December 2013 (Council of Europe Office)

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

- Strasbourg, 29 September 2013 at 4pm
- Paris, 11 December 2013 (Council of Europe Office) – time to be confirmed

Andrew Drzemczewski, Günter Schirmer, Agnieszka Szklanna, Aline Usanase,

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
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