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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 30 September to 3 October 2013

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg from 30 September to 3 October 2013:

- **on Monday 30 September 2013 at 2pm**, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG), in the Chair, took note of the lack of quorum, closed the meeting and opened a new one;
- ***The European Union and Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication!***: following the transmission by the Bureau of a reference for urgent debate on this subject, appointed Mr Michael McNamara (Ireland, SOC) as rapporteur;
- ***Administrative detention*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and took note of the Rapporteur's intention to present a revised version of his memorandum at the Committee's December 2013 meeting;
- ***Other business:***
 - ***World Forum on Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013)***: appointed members to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in this event; Ms Elena Centemaro (Italy, NR), Mr Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaijan, ALDE), Mr Charles Kennedy (United Kingdom, ALDE), Mr Epameinondas Marias (Greece, EDG), Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, NR) and Mr Konstantynos Triantafyllos (Greece, SOC);
 - ***Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights***: took note of the Sub-Committee's report of its meeting held on 29 September 2013 in Strasbourg;
 - ***Resolution 1943 (2013): Corruption as a threat to the Rule of Law, Proposal regarding the implementation of paragraph 13 of the Resolution***: invited the Secretariat to contact the Assembly's Parliamentary Project Support Division as well as the Secretariat of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs regarding the possible organisation of seminars or workshops on this subject and to report back to the Committee at a subsequent meeting;
 - ***Motion transmitted for information: Prosecution of the Labour Party (Darbo Partija) in Lithuania***: heard a statement by the leader of the Lithuanian Labour Party, Mr Vytautas Gapsys, and invited its Chair to raise the question of possible follow-up to the motion in the Bureau;
- ***Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Klaas de Vries, Netherlands, SOC*): authorised the Rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Italy, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine and, if need be, also to Poland and Romania, and agreed to request an extension of the reference until 31 December 2014;

- **on Tuesday 1 October 2013 at 2pm**, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG), in the Chair, as regards:
 - **National Security and access to information** (*Rapporteur: Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC*): Considered and took position on eleven amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **The European Union and Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication!** (*Rapporteur: Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Access to nationality and the effective implementation of the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 112)** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered a draft report, and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - **Request for an opinion from the Committee of Ministers, Draft Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs for opinion:** appointed Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD);
 - **Participation of members in conferences, meetings and seminars:**
 - 95th plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 14-15 June 2013: heard a statement by Committee representative, Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG);
 - 21st plenary meeting of CEPEJ, 20-21 June 2013, Strasbourg: heard a statement by Committee representative, Mr Volodymyr Pylypenko (Ukraine, SOC);
 - **Next meetings:** confirmed the following meetings
 - 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:*
 - Paris, 11 December 2013;
- **on Thursday 3 October 2013 at 9am**, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG), in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Sub-Committee on Human Rights:** endorsed the recommendations of the Sub-Committee concerning the lists of candidates to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) submitted by the parliamentary delegations of France, Monaco, the Netherlands, and Slovenia;
 - **Joint hearing with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on “Failures to implement Strasbourg Court provisional measures”:** held a joint hearing with presentations by:
 - Ms Clara Burbano Herrera, Senior Research Fellow, Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, Belgium
 - Mr Vincent Berger, former Jurisconsult of the European Court of Human Rights, Paris
 - Ms Heather McGill, Amnesty International, London;
- **on Thursday 3 October 2013 at 2pm**, with Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG), in the Chair, as regards:
 - **The European Union and Council of Europe human rights agendas: synergies not duplication!** (*Rapporteur: Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC*): considered and took position on four amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Strengthening the institution of Ombudsman in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE*): considered and took position on two amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Participation of members in conferences, meetings and seminars:**
 - 60th GRECO plenary meeting, 17-21 June 2013, Strasbourg: heard a statement by Committee representative, Mr Robert Neill (United Kingdom, EDG).

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 Strasbourg on 29 September 2013 at 4pm, with Mr Klaas de Vries (Netherlands, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Hearings:** held hearings with the candidates to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Romania, adopted its recommendation for the attention of the Assembly with respect to the candidates from this country, and decided to declassify the report of this meeting;
- **Next meeting:** Paris, 11 December 2013.

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Strasbourg on 2 October 2013 at 2pm, with Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP) in the Chair, as regards:

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT):** considered and approved its recommendations for the list of candidates to the CPT in respect of France, Monaco, the Netherlands, and Slovenia;
- **Next meeting:** during the January 2014 part-session.

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