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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 12 December 2013

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 12 December 2013 with Mr Christopher Chope (*United Kingdom, EDG*) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Revision of the European Convention on transfrontier television** (*Rapporteur: Mr James Clappison, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The European Convention on Human Rights: reinforcement and consolidation of the training of judges, law enforcement officials and lawyers** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Pierre Michel, France, SOC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, decided to postpone consideration of a draft report until the January 2014 part-session;
- **Administrative detention** (*Rapporteur: Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and agreed to hold a hearing with experts at a future meeting (subject to the availability of funds);
- **Urgent need to deal with new failures to co-operate with the European Court of Human Rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

(with Ms Marina Schuster, (*Germany, ALDE*) in the Chair)

- **Measures to prevent abusive use of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 112)** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Eugenio Selvaggi, Deputy Prosecutor General at the Court of Cassation, Rome;

(with Mr Christopher Chope (*United Kingdom, EDG*) in the Chair)

- **The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union**: held an exchange of views with Ms Kinga Göncz, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament. Following an incident involving Mr Tamás Gaudi Nagy (*Hungary, NR*), agreed to a proposal by the Chair to request the President of the Assembly to take disciplinary action;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**
 - i. Access to justice through online instruments – appointed, Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE;
 - ii. Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights (Re-appointment owing to the imminent departure of Ms Marina Schuster, Germany, ALDE, from the Assembly) – appointed Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera, Spain, SOC;
 - iii. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Palestinian National Council (for opinion) (Re-appointment owing to the imminent departure of Ms Marina Schuster, Germany, ALDE, from the Assembly) – appointed Mr Şaban Dişli, Turkey, EPP/DC;

– **Other business:**

- i. *Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky (Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC):* noted that the Rapporteur intends to present, at the first committee meeting during the January 2014 part-session, an addendum and a preliminary draft recommendation relating to his report;
- ii. *Strengthening the protection and role of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States”, (Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE):* following the Rapporteur’s fact-finding visit to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, agreed to hold an exchange of views with an expert (subject to the availability of funds) during the January 2014 part-session;
- iii. Agreed to the proposal of Ms Marina Schuster, (Germany, ALDE), General Rapporteur for the Death Penalty, to issue a statement regarding Texas death row inmate, Mr Edgar Tamayo Arias, and for her to write to the relevant authorities recalling the need to implement the ICJ’s Avena judgment;

– **Next meetings:** took note of the forthcoming meetings:

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 1st part-session of 2014 (27 - 31 January 2014)
- Paris, 3 March 2014 (Council of Europe Office)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 2nd part-session of 2014 (7-11 April 2014)
- Helsinki, Finland, 26-27 May 2014 (Finnish Parliament): the plenary meeting will start in the afternoon of 26.05.2014
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 3rd part-session of 2014 (23-27 June 2014)
- Paris, 2 September 2014 (Council of Europe Office) tbc
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 4th part-session of 2014 (29 September – 3 October 2014)
- Paris, 4 November 2014 (Council of Europe Office) tbc
- Paris, 10 December 2014 (Council of Europe Office) tbc

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

- Strasbourg, Sunday 26 January 2014 (tbc).

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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 11 December 2013 at 3pm, 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 Denmark, adopted its recommendations for the attention of the Assembly and decided to declassify the report of this meeting;
- **Next meeting:** Strasbourg, 26 January 2014, 5.30pm, to be confirmed.

Andrew Drzemczewski

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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