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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 2 November 2015

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 2 November 2015, with Mr James Clappison (United Kingdom, EC) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***The fate of critically ill detainees in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- ***Access to justice and the Internet: potential and challenges*** (Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- ***How to prevent inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;
- ***Legal remedies to human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities*** (Rapporteur: Ms Marieluise Beck, Germany, ALDE): considered an introductory memorandum, authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact finding visit to Ukraine (including to the extent possible, in agreement with the Ukrainian authorities, the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities) and to organize an exchange of views with two experts at one of its forthcoming meetings, subject to the availability of funds;
- ***Appointment of representative of the Committee to the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)***: decided to propose to the Bureau the nomination of Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), as substitute to Mr Robert Neill (United Kingdom, EC) following the departure of Mr Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD) from the Assembly;
- ***Appointment of rapporteurs:***
 - The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (9th report): appointed Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' (France, SOC), who declared no conflict of interest;
 - Towards a democratic approach to the issues of governance in European multinational States (for report) : decided to postpone this appointment until the next meeting;
 - Technological convergence, artificial intelligence and human rights (for opinion), (Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC)): decided to postpone this appointment until the next meeting;
 - Freedom of speech on the Internet: promoting a uniform response (opinion), (Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE)). Re-appointment following the departure of Ms Arpine Hovhannisyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) from the Assembly: appointed Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), who declared no conflict of interest;

– **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc**

Postponed the reports by the following representatives until the next meeting:

- Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) concerning his presentation of PACE Resolution 2045 (2015) on “Mass Surveillance” before the European Parliament’s LIBE Committee on 28 May 2015 in Brussels;
- Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) regarding the 104th plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 23-24 October 2015;

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee:** took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers on the Assembly’s Recommendation 2057 (2014) on “Measures to prevent abusive use of the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons”;

– **Other business:**

- Heard a statement by Ms Chiora Taktakishvili (Georgia, ALDE) regarding recent arrests of political activists outside the Georgian parliament and agreed that the Chairperson write to the Head of the Georgian PACE delegation regarding this matter;
- Took note of a letter of Mr Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC), addressed to the Chairperson, regarding the non-reappointment of certain members of the UK delegation;

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

Plenary Committee:

- Paris, 8 December 2015
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 1st part-session of 2016 (25-29 January 2016)
- Paris, 7 March 2016 (Council of Europe Office)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 2nd part-session of 2016 (18- 22 April 2016)

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly

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