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Secretariat of the Assembly

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The Joint Working Party, meeting on Wednesday 26 June 2002 at 2 pm with Mr Clerfayt in the Chair:

- *Exchange of views with Ambassador P.E. Ago, Chairman of the GT-Suivi.Ago:* heard a statement on his recent visit to Azerbaijan on 12-15 May 2002, discussed the modalities of co-operation with the GT-Suivi.Ago and decided that its Chairman would be invited to further exchanges of views with the Joint Working Group;
- *Work of the Secretary General's independent experts mandated to examine the remaining cases in the list of 716 alleged political prisoners:* held an exchange of views with Mr A. Drzemczewski, Head of the Monitoring Department (Directorate of Strategic Planning), and decided that he would be invited to further exchanges of views with the Joint Working Group;
- *Recent events in Azerbaijan:* heard a short presentation by Mr Gross on recent events that occurred in Azerbaijan including latest arrests following the demonstration in Nardaran village, the latest presidential amnesty decree dated 27 May 2002 and the referendum foreseen on 24 August next;
- *Visit of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee to Azerbaijan:* heard the co-rapporteur's plans for the forthcoming monitoring visit to Azerbaijan to take place on 15-23 July 2002;
- asked its Chairman to invite the Azeri Parliamentary Delegation to nominate representatives to the Joint Working Party for further discussions on the implementation of Resolution 1272;
- *Next meeting:* in Strasbourg, on Wednesday 25 September 2002 at 2pm.

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