



FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The **Political Affairs Committee**, meeting in Mexico, from 9 to 10 January 2002, and in Oaxaca (Mexico), from 11 to 12 January 2002, under the chairmanship of Mr Terry Davis (United Kingdom, SOC):

- held an exchange of views with:
 - . **Mr Diego Fernandez de Cevallos**, President of the Senate
 - . **Ms Beatriz Paredes, Deputy**, President of the Chamber of Deputies
 - . **Mr Enrique Jackson Ramírez**, President of the Political Co-ordination Board of the Senate
 - . **Mr Gustavo Carvajal**, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies
 - . **Mr Fernando Margáin**, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate
 - . **Mr Demetrio Sodi**, Vice-President of the Political Group of the PRD and member of the Committee for Conciliation and Pacification in Chiapas
 - . **Ms Gloria Lavara**, President of the Political Group of the Green Ecologist Mexican Party and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
 - . **members of the Foreign Affairs Committee** of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies

As regards:

- *Meetings with representatives of local and regional authorities in Oaxaca*: met Mr **José Díaz Pimentel**, President of Congress and **Mr José Murat**, Governor;
- *Conflict in the Chechen Republic (Rapporteur: Lord Judd, United Kingdom, SOC)*: examined a draft report and adopted a draft Resolution and a draft Recommendation;

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Directors and all staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Parliamentary Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR)*: held an exchange of views based on an oral report by the Rapporteur on his visit from 15 to 22 December 2001 and authorised the Rapporteur to visit the country again in March or April 2002;
- *Combating terrorism and respect for human rights*: appointed Mr Goris (Belgium, LDR) rapporteur for an Opinion and took note, however, that a large majority of its members wished to have this debate postponed;
- *Parliamentary control of international institutions (Rapporteur: Mr Toshev, Bulgaria, EPP/CD)*: postponed, in the absence of the Rapporteur, the examination of the revised draft report and regretted that the parliament of Bulgaria had not authorised the Rapporteur to participate at the meeting;
- *New Russian law on religion (Rapporteur for Opinion: Mrs Gatterer, Austria, EPP/CD)*: heard an oral report by the Rapporteur on her visit to Moscow on 16-18 October 2001 and held an exchange of views on the subject;
- *Stability Pact for South East Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Bársony, Hungary, SOC)*: heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the meeting of Working Table I (Skopje, 17-18 December 2001);
- *ad hoc Sub-Committee on Belarus*: appointed the following members:
 - Mr Bársony, Hungary, SOC
 - Mr Behrendt, Germany, SOC
 - Mr Čekuolis, Lithuania, LDR
 - Mr Danieli, Italy, LDR
 - Mr Davis, United Kingdom, SOC
 - Mr Goris, Belgium, LDR
 - Mr Hornhues, Germany, EPP/CD
 - Mr Hovhannisyan, Armenia, EDG
 - Mr Neguta, Moldova, GUE
 - Mr Olekas, Lithuania, SOC
 - Mr Svoboda, Czech Republic, EPP/CD
 - Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC
- *next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - . Strasbourg, during the January 2002 part-session of the Assembly
 - . Paris, 1st March 2002 (Hearing on the positive experiences of autonomous regions in Europe)

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