



FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting on 22, 23 and 25 April 2002 in Strasbourg, under the chairmanship of Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR), and then Mr Baumel (France, EDG), Mr Davis (United Kingdom, SOC), and Mrs Feric-Vač (Croatia, SOC).

As regards:

- *Future of the co-operation between European institutions (Rapporteur: Mr van der Linden, Netherlands, EPP/CD):* took note of the Bureau's proposal to hold a current affairs debate on the subject on 24 April and to postpone the debate on the report until the June 2002 part-session, and held an exchange of views;
- *Situation in the Middle East (Rapporteur: Mr Margelov, Russia, EDG):* adopted a draft Resolution and prepared an urgent debate in the Assembly examining some of the amendments which were submitted;
- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR):*
 - o was informed about the results of the Rapporteurs visit to the country (8 to 12 April 2002);
 - o held an exchange of views with Mr Goran SVILANOVIC, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the FRY;
- took note of a written communication by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- *Situation in Belarus (Rapporteur: Mr Behrendt, Germany, SOC):* took note the *Ad Hoc* Sub-Committee would visit Minsk, from 9 to 12 June 2002, and would attend a seminar on "Political developments in Belarus", subject to the Bureau's authorisation;
- *Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-Member Countries:* appointed Mr Neguta as a member;
- *Next meetings:*
 - Luxembourg, 6-7 May 2002 - Exchange of views with the Chairman-in-Office of the Committee of Ministers
 - Lucerne (Switzerland), 28 May 2002 – Spring Session
 - Strasbourg, during the June 2002 part-session
 - Paris, 9 September 2002

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