

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on 22 September 2002 under the chairmanship of Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR),

As regards:

- *Conflict in the Chechen Republic (Rapporteur: Lord Judd, United Kingdom, SOC):* approved a draft information report on the visit of the Joint Working Group on Chechnya to Moscow and to the Republic of Chechnya (3 - 5 September 2002);

- *Request for Council of Europe membership: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Rapporteur: Mr Frey, Switzerland, LDR):*

- held an exchange of views with the President of the Assembly;
- held an exchange of views on the state of progress of the drafting of the Constitutional Charter and new laws, and heard;

Mr Srdja Bozovic, President of the Chamber of the Republics of the Federal Parliament and member of the Constitutional Committee

Mr Zoran Zizic, Co-President of the Constitutional Committee

Mr Dragan Jovic, Co-President of the Constitutional Committee

Mr Bosko Ristic, Co-President of the Constitutional Committee

Mr Dragan Kujovic, Co-President of the Constitutional Committee

Mr Dusan Protic, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia

Mrs Vesna Ratkovic, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Montenegro

Mr Veselin Todorovic, Head of the Private Office of the President of the Chamber of the Republics

- agreed with the proposal of the President of the Assembly to recommend to the Committee of Ministers to invite the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to become a member of the Council of Europe, with the stipulation that as a precondition the Parliaments of Serbia and Montenegro must ratify the Constitutional Charter, and asked the Rapporteur to submit an amendment to this effect;

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- *European Union enlargement and the Kaliningrad region (Rapporteur: Mrs Ragnarsdóttir, Iceland, EDG):*
 - heard an oral report by the Rapporteur on her visit to Vilnius, Kaliningrad, Warsaw and Brussels (16 - 18 September 2002);
 - adopted a draft Recommendation;
- *Situation on Georgia and the consequences for the stability of the Caucasus region (Rapporteur: Mrs Lörcher, Germany, SOC):*
 - held an exchange of views based on a preliminary draft Recommendation;
 - decided to continue the examination of the draft Recommendation and to adopt it at its meeting on 23 September 2002.
- *Next meetings:* decided to hold its next meetings as follows :
 - . Strasbourg, during the 2002 September part-session of the Assembly
 - . Budapest, 22 October 2002
 - . Paris, 10 December 2002 (to be confirmed).

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