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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg from 26 to 29 January 2004 first with Mr Wielowieyski (Poland, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR) and Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC), in the Chair:

Elected by acclamation:

Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR) Chairperson,
Mr Rogozin (Russia, EDG) First Vice-Chairperson,
Mr Spindelegger (Austria, EPP) Second Vice-Chairperson,
Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC), Third Vice-Chairperson;

As regards:

- *Terrorism: a threat to democracies: (Rapporteur: Mr Mercan, Turkey, EPP/CD):* considered a draft report presented by its Rapporteur, unanimously adopted a draft Recommendation for the debate under urgent procedure and examined amendments tabled to it;
- *Situation in Cyprus (Rapporteur: Mr Eörsi, Hungary, LDR):* heard a statement by its Rapporteur on his visits to Cyprus (11-15 January), Athens (15-16 January) and Ankara (19-20 January), considered amendments presented by the Rapporteur in the light of information gathered during these visits and agreed to present them on behalf of the Committee and examined other amendments tabled to it;
- *Sub-Committees:* reconstituted its sub-committees as follows:
 - Sub-Committee on the Middle East (Appendix I)
 - Sub-Committee on Belarus (Appendix II)
 - Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-Member Countries (Appendix III)

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

- *Appointment of rapporteurs:*
 - *Parliamentary contribution to the implementation of the Stability Pact in South-East Europe:* Mr Toshev (Bulgaria, EPP/CD);
 - *Current situation in Kosovo:* Mrs Tritz (Germany, SOC)
- *Nomination of representatives:* decided to propose to the Bureau to appoint the following representatives:
 - *Council of Democratic Elections (Venice Commission):* Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, LDR) and Mr Elo (Finland, SOC) as her substitute;
 - *European Committee against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI):* Mrs Jäätteenmäki (Finland, LDR);
- *Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly texts presented by the Political Affairs Committee:* took note of the reply adopted by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1613 (2003) on *the Council of Europe and the Convention on the Future of Europe*;
- *Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Transatlantic Dialogue:* heard a statement by Mr Azzolini, Rapporteur on *Relations between Europe and the United States* (Italy, EPP/CD) and Mr Lloyd, Chairperson of the United Kingdom's delegation, on the state of progress of this event and expressed its preference for this event to take place in London on 19 April 2004;
- *Meeting in Ljubljana (Slovenia), 8-9 March 2004:* heard a statement by its Chairman on the programme of that meeting;
- *Joint Committee (28 January 2004):* heard a statement by its Chairman on the discussions at the Joint Committee;
- *Dates and places of its next meetings:*
 - ° *Ljubljana (Slovenia):* 8-9 March 2004

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The Sub-Committee on the Middle East (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2004 first with Mr Azzolini, oldest member present, and then Lord Kilclooney (United Kingdom, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- *Re-elected by acclamation* Lord Kilclooney (United Kingdom, EPP) Chairperson;
- postponed the election of a Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;

As regards:

- *Situation in the Middle-East.* held an exchange of views with the following negotiators of the "Geneva Agreements":
 - Mr Menachem KLEIN, Professor of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University;
 - Mr Saman KHOURY, Co-ordinator, "Coalition of Peoples for Peace";
 - Mr Daoud BARAKAT, Deputy Commissioner of Jerusalem;
- *Colloquy on Dialogue between Europe and the Middle East.* held an exchange of views on the possible themes and programme of this colloquy in Istanbul (Turkey) on 7 April 2004;
- *Date and place of the next meeting:* Istanbul (Turkey) 7 April 2004

The Sub-Committee on Belarus (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2004, first with Mr Elo (Finland, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr Čekuolis (Lithuania, LDR) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Čekuolis (Lithuania, LDR) Chairperson and Mr Blankenborg (Norway, SOC) Vice-Chairperson;

As regards:

- *Situation in Belarus:* held an exchange of views on the current situation, and considered the possibility of organising, during the next part-session of the Assembly, an exchange of views with representatives of political forces of Belarus on the forthcoming elections, as well as a possible study visit;
- *Date and place of the next meeting:* left it to the Chair to convene the next meeting.

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The Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-Member Countries (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 29 January 2004, first with Mr Dreyfus-Schmidt (France, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr Severin (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- *elected* by acclamation Mr Severin (Romania, SOC) Chairperson;
- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Atkinson (United Kingdom, EDG) Vice-Chairperson;

As regards:

- *Relations with the United Nations:* held an exchange of views with the participation of Ambassador Åberg, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the Council of Europe, Rapporteur of the Committee of Ministers on the United Nations, and Mr de Jonge, Director of External Relations;
- *Future work:* held an exchange of views on its future work;
- *Date and place of the next meeting:* left it to the Chair to convene the next meeting.

Bariş Perin, Marja Ruotanen, Pavel Chevtchenko, Rüdiger Dossow

APPENDIX I

Sub-Committee on the Middle East
Sous-commission sur le Proche-Orient
 28 seats / 28 sièges

LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES***Chairman / Président***

Lord KILCLOONEY United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni Lord JUDD

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e)***Members / Membres***

Mr AVDIĆ Bosnia and Herzegovina/Bosnie-Herzégovine
 Mr AZZOLINI Italy/Italie
 Mr van den BRANDE Belgium/Belgique
 Mr BRUNHART Liechtenstein
 Mr DAVERN Ireland/Irlande
 Mrs DRUVIETE Latvia/Lettonie
 Mrs DURRIEU France
 Mr ELO Finland/Finlande
 Mr EÖRSI Hungary/Hongrie
 Mr HÖRSTER Germany/Allemagne
 Mr LINDBLAD Sweden/Suède
 Mr van der LINDEN Netherlands/Pays-Bas
 Mr MARGELOV Russia/Russie
 Mr MARKOWSKI Poland/Pologne
 Mr MEDEIROS FERREIRA Portugal
 Mr MIHKELSON Estonia/Estonie
 Mr MOLLAZADE Azerbaijan/Azerbaïdjan
 Mrs NĚMCOVÁ Czech Republic / Rép. tchèque
 Mr POURGOURIDES Cyprus/Chypre
 Mr PRISACARU Romania/Roumanie
 Mr PUCHE Spain/Espagne
 Mr REIMANN Switzerland/Suisse
 Mr TEKELIOĞLU Turkey/Turquie
 Mr TOROSIAN Arménia/Arménie
 Mr TOSHEV Bulgaria/Bulgarie
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Alternates / Remplaçants

Mr RANIERI
 Mr TIMMERMANS
 Mr O'KEEFFE
 Mr ROCHEBLOINE
 Mrs JÄÄTTEENMÄKI
 Mr NÉMETH
 Mr HEDRICH
 Mr DUIVESTIJN
 Mr IWINSKI
 Mrs AGUIAR
 Mr SEYIDOV
 Mr CRISTODOULIDES
 Mr POPESCU
 Mrs VERMOT-MANGOLD

Ex-officio

Mr JAKIČ Slovenia/Slovénie
 Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee
 Président de la Commission des questions politiques

APPENDIX II

Sub-Committee on Belarus
Sous-commission sur le Bélarus
28 seats / 28 sièges

LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES

Chairman / Président

Mr CEKUOLIS Lithuania/Lituanie

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président/e

Mr BLANKENBORG Norway/Norvège

Members / Membres

Mr AKHVLEDIANI	Georgia/Géorgie
Mr DANIELI	Italy/Italie
Mr DAVIS	United Kingdom
Mr DEES	Netherlands/Pays-Bas
Mr ELO	Finland/Finlande
Mr GORIS	Belgium/Belgique
Mr HERKEL	Estonia/Estonie
Mr KIRILOV	Bulgaria/Bulgarie
Mr KLICH	Poland/Pologne
Mr LONCLE	France
Mr MAGNUSSON	Sweden/Suède
Mr MASTALKA	Czech Republic/République tchèque
Mr MERCAN	Turkey/Turquie
Mr MOLLAZADE	Azerbaijan/Azerbaïdjan
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Alternates / Remplaçants

Mr TIMMERMANS

Mr HENRY

Mr MIHKELSON

Mr LOUFTI

Mr GRZYB

Ex-officio

Mr JAKIČ..... Slovenia/Slovénie
Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee
Président de la Commission des questions politiques

APPENDIX III

Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-Member Countries*Sous-commission des relations avec les pays non membres**28 seats / 28 sièges***LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES*****Chairperson / Présidente***

Mr SEVERIN	Romania / Roumanie	Mr BERCEANU
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Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e)

Mr ATKINSON	United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni
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Members / Membres

Mrs AGUIAR	Portugal
Mr AKHVLEDIANI	Georgia/ Géorgie
Mr ATES	Turkey / Turquie
Mr BRAUN	Hungary / Hongrie
Mr BRUNHART	Liechtenstein
Mr DREYFUS-SCHMIDT	France
Mr GRAAS	Luxembourg
Mr GROSS	Switzerland / Suisse
Mr HENRY	Belgium / Belgique
Mr IWINSKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr LOUFTI	Bulgaria / Bulgarie
Mr MAGNUSSON	Sweden / Suède
Mr MARTINEZ CASAN	Spain / Espagne
Mr O'KEEFFE	Ireland / Irlande
Mr OUZKY	Czech Republic / Rép. Tchèque
Mr PETROV	Russia / Russie
Mr POURGOURIDES	Cyprus / Chypre
Mrs SEVERINSEN	Denmark / Danemark
Mr SEYDOV	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
Mr TIMMERMANS	Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Mrs TRITZ	Germany / Allemagne
Mrs de ZULUETA	Italy / Italie
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Alternates / Remplaçants

Mr MEDEIROS FERREIRA

Mrs DURRIEU

Mrs VERMOT-MANGOLD

Mr van den BRANDE

Mr MARKOWSKI

Mr KIRILOV

Mr SOLE TURA

Mr DAVERN

Mrs CURDOVA

Mr CRISTODOULIDES

Mr van der LINDEN

Ex-officio

Mr JAKIC	Slovenia / Slovénie
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Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee

Président de la Commission des questions politiques