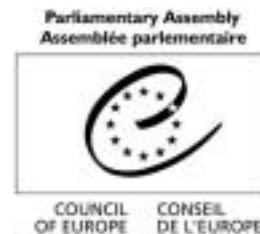


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## FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### *Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly*

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**The Political Affairs Committee**, meeting in Strasbourg on 26, 27 and 29 April 2004, first with Mr Jakič (Slovenia, LDR), then with Mr Margelov (Russia, EDG) in the chair:

- elected by acclamation Mr Margelov (Russia, EDG) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair;
- heard a statement by Mr Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, concerning his recent activities, followed by an exchange of views;

*As regards:*

- *Contested credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Serbia and Montenegro*: appointed its Chair as rapporteur and adopted a draft Resolution;
- *Situation in Kosovo*: appointed Mr Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC) its rapporteur for the debate under urgent procedure, adopted a draft Resolution and a draft Recommendation and considered the amendments which had been tabled;
- *Cyprus*: appointed Mr Eörsi (Hungary, LDR) its rapporteur for the debate under urgent procedure, held an exchange of views with the representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community, adopted a draft Resolution, considered the amendments which had been tabled, and decided to propose to the President of the Assembly to invite a representative of the Turkish Cypriot community to speak during the debate in the Assembly;
- *Request for Council of Europe membership: the Principality of Monaco* (Rapporteur: Mr Slutsky, Russia, SOC): considered the amendments which had been tabled;
- *The persecution of the press in the Republic of Belarus* (Rapporteur: Mr Pourgourides, Cyprus, EPE/CD): considered the amendments which had been submitted;
- *Strengthening of the United Nations* (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, (Italy, SOC): considered the amendments which had been tabled;

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- *The political situation in the Chechen Republic: measures to increase the democratic stability in accordance with Council of Europe standards* (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC): took note of a memorandum by the Rapporteur, of his future visit to this region foreseen for the beginning of June 2004, and of his intention to present a report at the meeting of the Committee, on 25 May 2004;
- *Evolution and future development of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (Rapporteur: Mr Kirilov, Bulgaria, SOC): took note of an oral statement by the Rapporteur following his visit to the country (17-21 March 2004), and agreed that he would present his report for adoption at the meeting of the Committee, on 25 May 2004;
- *Presence of the Council of Europe in Northern Ireland* (Rapporteur: Mr Ouzký, Czech Republic, EDG): took note of an oral statement by the Rapporteur following his visit to London and Belfast (19-22 April 2004), and agreed that he would present a written report at the meeting of the Committee, on 25 May 2004;
- *Need for international condemnation of the Franco Regime*: appointed Mr Kosachev (Russia, EDG) as rapporteur;
- *Colloquy on Dialogue between Europe and the Middle East* (Istanbul, 7 April 2004): took note of an oral statement by Lord Kilclooney, Chair of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East;
- *Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Transatlantic Dialogue* (London, 19 April 2004): took note of an oral statement by Mr Azzolini, Rapporteur on *Relations between Europe and the United States*, followed by an exchange of views on the follow-up to be given;
- *Meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections, Venice Committee* (Venice, 11 March 2004): took note of an oral statement by Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, LDR);
- *High-Level Group on the Future of Democracy in Europe* (Strasbourg, 18-19 March 2004): took note of an oral statement by Mr Wielowieyski (Poland, EPP-CD), and his proposal to organise a colloquy on *The Future of Democracy in Europe*;
- Appointments to Sub-Committees:
  - Mr Pangalos (Greece) member of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East;
  - Mr Kāstens (Latvia) member of the Sub-Committee on Belarus;
  - Mr Margelov (Russia), alternate to Mr Petrov, Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-Member Countries.
- *Parliamentary Contribution to the implementation of the Stability Pact In South-East Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Toshev, Bulgaria, EPP/CD), authorised its Rapporteur to visit the Head-Quarters of the Stability Pact in Brussels in the framework of the preparation of his report.

*Date and places of next meetings:*

*Plenary Committee*

- . 25 May 2004 in Paris
- . 21-25 June 2004 – 3<sup>rd</sup> part session
- . 14 September 2004 in Paris

*Sub-Committee on Relations with Non-Member Countries*

- . 25 May 2004 (afternoon) in Paris

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**The Sub-Committee on Belarus** (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 28 April 2004 under the chairmanship of Mr Čekuolis (Lithuania, LDR):

- held an exchange of views with Mr Christos Pourgourides, Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee on *The persecution of the press in Belarus* and of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on *Disappeared persons in Belarus*;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Vassily Leonov, former Minister of Agriculture of Belarus and representative of the opposition, and Mrs Krasovskaya and Mrs Zavadskaya, wives of two missing people;
- left it to its Chair to decide whether it is opportune to hold a meeting in Minsk before the elections and preferably in June 2004.

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