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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Paris on 13 September 2005 with Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Need for international condemnation of the crimes of communism** (*Rapporteur: Mr Lindblad, Sweden, EPP/CD*): following an exchange of views based on a draft report, decided to postpone the adoption of a draft Resolution and draft Recommendation, asked the Rapporteur to present a new redrafted version in light of the discussion in the Committee, and asked its Chair to request the Bureau to authorise an extension of the reference;
- **Condemnation of the admiration and justification of Nazism** (*Rapporteur: Mr Margelov, Russia, EDG*): held an exchange of views on a draft report, and decided to postpone the adoption of a draft Resolution;
- **The Council of Europe and the European Neighbourhood Policy of the European Union**: appointed Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur and held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat on the instruction of its Chair;
- **Parliamentary dimension of the United Nations** (*Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her visit to New York on the occasion of the Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments organised by the IPU (7-9 September 2005), held an exchange of views and was informed that the President of the Assembly would invite Ambassador Jan Eliasson, President-Elect of the 60th UN General Assembly to attend the debate, planned for the January-part session 2006;
- **The conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region**: heard a statement by Lord Russell-Johnston (United Kingdom, ALDE), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the implementation of paragraph 5 of Resolution 1416 (2005), on the hearing held on 12 September 2005 and its forthcoming activities;
- **Situation in the Chechen Republic**: heard a statement by Mr Gross, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of the Round Table on the political situation in the Chechen Republic under Resolution 1402 (2004), on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee (13 September 2005, from 9 to

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10 am) and authorised him to conduct a fact-finding visit to Moscow in view of the organisation of the next Round Table (on the condition that it will not entail expenses for the Parliamentary Assembly);

- **Appointment of Rapporteurs for report:** appointed:

- Mrs Tritz (Germany, SOC) for current situation in Kosovo;
- Mr Severin (Romania, SOC) for external relations of the Council of Europe;
- Mrs Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) for need of a greater transparency in the arms trade;
- Mr Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CD) for enhancing the visibility of the Council of Europe;
- Mr Mercan (Turkey, EPP/CD) for situation in the Republics of Central Asia;

- **References for information:** took note of the following references:

- A tendency to infringe political and property human rights in some post-revolutionary Council of Europe member states;
- Europe's interest to intensify economic relations with Belarus;

- **Appointment of representatives:**

- *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the dialogue with the Parliament of Liechtenstein:* decided to postpone the appointment of a member to replace Lord Kilclooney;

Meeting of Ministers' Deputies advisory group on the preparation of the Forum for the Future of Democracy (Strasbourg, 20 September 2005): Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC);

- *Seminar on Belarus organised by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (Vilnius, 23-24 September 2005):* Mr Mollazade (Azerbaijan, ALDE), in his capacity as Rapporteur on situation in Belarus;

- **Composition of sub-committees:**

appointed new members of its Sub-Committees as follows:

Sub-Committee on External Relations: Mr Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CE);

Sub-Committee on the Middle East: Mr Mota Amaral (Portugal, EPP/CE);

Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the Future of Democracy: Mr Kolesnikov (Russia, EDG) (Alternate: Mrs Narochnikskaya, Russia, UEL), Mr Mercan (Turkey, EPP/CD), Mr Timmermans (Netherlands, SOC), Mr Marty (Switzerland, ADLE Alternate: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC), Mr Paleckis (Lithuania, SOC);

- **Work programme:** updated its work programme;

- **Invitation by the Canadian delegation** (Ottawa, 24 and 25 October 2005): took note of a draft programme;

- **Next meetings:**

- . 4th Part-session - Strasbourg (3-7 October 2005)
- . Canada, 23 - 26 October 2005

The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of the Round Table on the political situation in the Chechen Republic (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Paris on 13 September 2005 with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Organisation of the second Round Table on the political situation in the Chechen Republic:** heard a statement by its Chair and held an exchange of views on the venue, dates, participants and possible repercussions of the Round Table on the forthcoming elections;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the October 2005 part-session.

The Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the future of Democracy (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Paris on 13 September 2005 with first Mr Wielowieyski (Poland, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Timmermans (Netherlands, SOC) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Election of the Chairperson:** elected Mr Timmermans (Netherlands, SOC);
- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Wielowieyski (Poland, EPP/CD);
- **Future action:** held an exchange of views on the informal document presented by the Polish Government on the launching meeting of the Forum on the Future of Democracy, agreed on the position to take with regard to the proposals contained in the non-paper, and asked Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) to participate in the preparatory meeting of the advisory group, to be held in Strasbourg on 20 September 2005;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg during the October 2005 part-session.

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