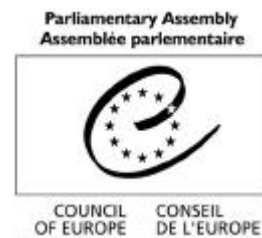


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The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Ottawa (Canada) on 24 and 25 October 2005 with Mr Ates (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair,

. held an exchange of views, concerning, *inter alia*, on transatlantic relations, reform of the United Nations, good governance, the responsibility to protect and human security, with:

- **Mr Daniel Hays**, Speaker of the Senate of Canada;
- **Mr Peter Milliken**, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada;
- **Mrs Aileen Carroll**, Minister for International Co-operation of Canada;
- **Mr Lloyd Axworthy**, former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- **Mr Paul Heinbecker**, Director of "the Centre for Global Relations, Governance and Policy", Wilfrid Laurier University;

with, in particular, the participation of the Committee Rapporteurs on the above-mentioned issues: Mr Azzolini (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Timmermans (Netherlands, SOC) and Mrs de Zulueta (Italy, SOC);

. held a joint meeting with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and held an exchange of views on two reports currently under preparation: *Parliamentary dimension of the United Nations* and *The concept of preventive war and its consequences for international relations*;

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elected Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, EPP/CD) as Third Vice-Chair;

took note of Mr Dick Marty's (Switzerland, ALDE) resignation from the post of First Vice-Chair;

as regards:

- **Parliamentary dimension of the United Nations** (Rapporteur: Mrs de Zulueta, Italy, SOC): held an exchange of views based on a preliminary draft Resolution;

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Secretary of the Committee of Ministers
Director of Communication and Research
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- **Budgetary powers of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Lindblad, Sweden, EPP/CD*) : held an exchange of views along the main lines of an oral opinion on a draft Recommendation tabled by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, and adopted amendments, proposed by the Rapporteur, to be tabled on its behalf;
- **The concept of preventive war and its consequences for international relations** (*Rapporteur: Mr Timmermans, Netherlands, SOC*): continued an exchange of views based on a preliminary draft report;
- **Enhancing the visibility of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mota Amaral, Portugal, EPP/CD*): authorised the Rapporteur to carry out an information visit to Strasbourg;
- **Situation in Kazakhstan** (*Rapporteur: Mr Iwinski, Poland, SOC*): authorised the Chair to request the Bureau to extend the reference;
- **The external relations of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Severin, Romania, SOC*): authorised the Rapporteur to make an information visit to the Council of Europe's North-South Centre (Lisbon, Portugal);
- **Possibilities of cooperation between the Council of Europe and Lebanon (Doc. 10636)**: took note of the advice of the Sub-Committee on External Relations and asked the Chair to request the Bureau to modify the reference;
- **Institutional balance in the Council of Europe** (report by the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities): asked its Chair to write to the Bureau to request to be seized for opinion;
- **Composition of sub-committees:**

appointed new members of its sub-committees as follows:

Sub-Committee on the Middle East: Lord Tomlinson (United Kingdom), alternate: Mr John Austin;

Sub-Committee on External Relations: Mr John Austin (United Kingdom), alternate: Lord Tomlinson;

Sub-Committee on Belarus: Mr Gordon Prentice (United Kingdom);

- **Next meetings:**
 - . Paris, 14 December 2005

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