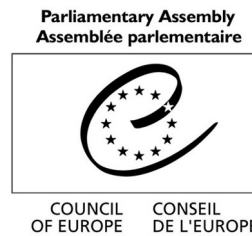


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Political Affairs Committee
Commission des questions politiques



FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly

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26 January 2007

The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg from 22 to 25 January 2007, first with Mr Azzolini (Italy, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

re-elected by acclamation:

Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC) Chair,
Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG) First Vice-Chair,
Mr Nemeth (Hungary, EPP/CD) Second Vice-Chair,
Mr Bokeria (Georgia, ALDE), Third Vice-Chair;

as regards:

- **Debate under urgent procedure: Threats to the lives and freedom of expression of journalists:** appointed Mr MacShane (United Kingdom, SOC) as Rapporteur for opinion, approved an oral Opinion on, and adopted proposals for amendments to a draft Resolution and a draft Recommendation tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, and asked Lord Russell-Johnston (United Kingdom, ALDE) to present the Committee's Opinion in the Assembly;

- **Request for accession to the Council of Europe from the Republic of Montenegro** (Rapporteur: Mr Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD): took note of an oral statement by the Rapporteur on his meeting with the eminent lawyers and the two Rapporteurs for opinion, held an exchange of views with a delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro composed of the following members: Mr Rifat Rastoder, Vice-Speaker of the Parliament of Montenegro, SDP, and member of the Joint Initiative Steering Committee; Mr Slavoljub Stijepović, Vice-Speaker of Parliament, DPS; Mr Miodrag Vuković, DPS; Mr Dragan Šoć, NS; Mr Srđjan Brajović, Movement for Changes; Mr Novak Radulović, SNS and Mr Branislav Radulović, Head of the Speaker's Private Office and a member of the Joint Initiative Steering Committee; approved a list of proposals for the minimum principles to be included in the Constitution and asked its Chair to transmit the list to the authorities of Montenegro, and authorised the Rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to Montenegro as necessary;

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

- **Peril of using energy supply as an instrument of political pressure** (Rapporteur: Mr Mihkelson, Estonia, EPP/CD): took position on forty amendments tabled;
- **Current situation in Kosovo** (Rapporteur: Lord Russell-Johnston, United Kingdom, ALDE): took position on twenty-five out of seventy-four amendments tabled;
- **Iran's nuclear programme: the need for an international response** (Rapporteur: Mr Lindblad, Sweden, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline for a report presented by the Rapporteur;
- **The code of good practice for political parties** (Rapporteur: Mr Elo, Finland, SOC): took note of the resignation of Mr Elo as Rapporteur and appointed Mr Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD) as the new Rapporteur;
- **State of human rights and democracy in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline for a report presented by the Rapporteur, and authorised him to carry out working visits to London and Stockholm in order to meet experts on the subject, it being understood that the Assembly would not bear the costs for these visits,
- **Forum on the future of democracy**: heard an oral reports by Mr Lindblad (Sweden, EPP/CD) and the Secretariat on the meeting of the Advisory Board held on 19 January 2007 in the framework of the preparation for the next Forum (Stockholm and Sigtuna, Sweden, 13-15 June 2007), took note that the theme of the Forum will be "*Power and Empowerment – the Interdependence of Democracy and Human Rights*", and took position in favour of a continued strong parliamentary involvement in the preparation of the Forum;
- **The situation in the Republics of Central Asia** (Rapporteur: Mr Mercan, Turkey, EPP/CD): decided to ask the Bureau to authorise the Rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan;
- **Turkmenistan**: took note of a statement by Mr Iwiński on recent developments in the country following the death of President Niyazov, and of his proposal that the Assembly representatives should be present in the country on the Presidential election day, and asked its Chair to bring the issue to the attention of the Bureau;
- **Sub-committees**:
 - . Reconstituted its sub-committees on External relations, on the Middle East and on Belarus, as presented in the appendix;
 - . Renewed the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of a Round Table on the political situation in Chechen Republic and the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on the Forum for the future of democracy with their previous composition;
- **Appointment of Rapporteurs**: appointed:
 - . Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) Rapporteur on *The United Nations – Reform and the Council of Europe member states*;
- **Appointment of representatives**: decided to propose the following nominations to the Bureau:
 - . *Council for Democratic Elections (Venice Commission)*: Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC), titular member, and Mrs Severinsen (Denmark, ALDE), alternate member;
 - . *European Committee against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)*: Mr Szabó (Hungary, SOC);
- **Next meetings**:
 - . Paris, 13 February 2007;
 - . Strasbourg, 12 March 2007;
 - . Strasbourg, 2nd part session 2007 (16-20 April 2007);
 - . Kiev (Ukraine), May 2007 (subject to authorisation by the Bureau, dates to be announced);

. Strasbourg, 3rd part session 2007 (25-29 June 2007).

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Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2007, first with Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC), Chair of the Political Affairs Committee, then Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *elected* by acclamation Mr Iwiński (Poland, SOC) Chair;
- *elected* by acclamation Mrs Papadimitriou (Greece, EPP/CD) Vice-Chair;

As regards:

- **Future work:**
 - took note that the Bureau had asked the Sub-Committee, together with the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, to represent the Assembly at the International Conference on Pan-European Cooperation "Intercultural and Inter-Religious Dialogue" (St. Petersburg, 1 June 2007);
 - took note of a statement by the Chair on priorities for future work;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting

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Sub-Committee on the Middle East (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2007, first with Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC), Chair of the Political Affairs Committee, then Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC) in the Chair:

- *elected* by acclamation Mrs Durrieu (France, SOC) Chair;
- *elected* by acclamation Mr Agramunt (Spain, EPP/CD) Vice-Chair;

As regards:

- **Situation in the Middle East:** held an exchange of views with Mr Abdullah Abdullah and Mr Hasan Khreishe, members of the Palestinian Legislative Council and Mr Arié Eldad, member of the Knesset;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting.

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Sub-Committee on Belarus (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2007, first with Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC), Chair of the Political Affairs Committee, then Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) Chair;
- *re-elected* by acclamation Mrs Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) Vice-Chair;

As regards:

- **Future work:**
 - took note of the possibility of inviting the President of the Parliamentary Assembly to the next Sub-Committee meeting with a view to hearing an account of his visit to Belarus (18-19 January 2007);

- took note that, as Mr van Winsen was no longer member of the Assembly and in view of the new developments in Belarus and in accordance with the established practice, the Political Affairs Committee would appoint a new Rapporteur for the report on the Situation in Belarus at its next meeting in Paris on 13 February 2007.

- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting

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Ad Hoc Sub-Committee for the organisation of a Round Table on the political situation in Chechen Republic (of the Political Affairs Committee), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2007, first with Mr Ateş (Turkey, SOC), Chair of the Political Affairs Committee, then Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) Chair;

- *re-elected* by acclamation Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG) Vice-Chair;

- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 13 February 2007, after the meeting of the plenary Committee (4 pm – 6 pm).

Bariş Perin, Agnieszka Nachilo, Pavel Chevtchenko, Eliza Pieter

APPENDIX / ANNEXE

29 January 2007

Sub-Committee on External Relations / *Sous-commission des relations extérieures*
28 seats / 28 sièges

LIST OF MEMBERS / LISTE DES MEMBRES**Chairperson / *Présidente***

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Mme PAPADIMITRIOU Elsa Greece / Grèce

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 M BADRE Denis France
 Mr BOKERIA Giorgi Georgia / Géorgie
 Mr BRINCAT Leo Malta / Malte
 Mr van den BRANDE Luc Belgium / Belgique
 Mr BREEN Patrick Ireland / Irlande
 Mr ČURDOVÁ Anna Czech Republic / République tchèque
 Mr GARDETTO J-Charles Monaco
 Mr GOERENS Charles Luxembourg
 Mr GROSS Andreas Switzerland / Suisse
 Mr LAUKKANEN Markku Finland / Finlande
 Mr LINDBLAD Göran Sweden / Suède
 Mr LOUTFI Younal Bulgaria / Bulgarie
 Mr MARGELOV Mikhail Russia / Russie
 Mr NEMYRYA Hryhoriy Ukraine
 Mr POURGOURIDES Christos Cyprus / Chypre
 Mr de PUIG Luis Maria Spain / Espagne
 Mr RIGONI Andrea Italy / Italie
 Ms SEVERINSEN Hanne Denmark / Danemark
 Mr SEYIDOV Samad Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan
 Mr SZABÓ Zoltán Hungary / Hongrie
 Mr TUDOSE Mihai Romania / Roumanie
 Mr VERA JARDIM José Portugal
 Mr WILSHIRE David United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
 Mr WODARG Wolfgang Germany / Allemagne
 Mrs WURM Gisela Austria / Autriche

Alternates / *Remplaçants*

M. MIGNON Jean-Claude
 Mr HENRY Jean-Pol
 Mr DAVERN Noel
 Mr MARQUET Bernard
 Mr MARTY Dick
 Mr VON SYDOW Björn
 Mrs YOTOVA Iliana
 Mr DZHABRAILOV Umar
 Mrs BOHATYRYOVA
 Mr KYPRIANOU Andros
 Mr PUCHE Gabino
 Mr MARCENARO Pietro
 Mr MEREUTA Mircea
 Mr MOTA AMARAL João Bosco
 Baroness TAYLOR Ann
 Mr STEENBLOCK Rainer
 Mr NEUGEBAUER Fritz

Waiting list:

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Ex-officio: Mr ATEŞ

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Mr BRINCAT Leo
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Mr ELO Mikko
Mr FARRE SANTURE
Mr GARDETTO Jean-Charles
Mr GORIS Stef
Mr HÖRSTER Joachim
Mr KAALUND Per
Mr LINDBLAD
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Mr MARKOWSKI Tomasz
Mr MEREUTA Mircea
Mrs MIKHAILOVA Nadezhda
Mr MOTA AMARAL João Bosco
Mrs NĚMCOVÁ Miroslava
Mr NEMYRYA
Mr PANGALOS
Mr POURGOURIDES Christos
Mr REIMANN Maximilian
Mr SAMBEVSKI Oliver

Mr SZABÓ Zoltán
Mr TEKELIOĞLU Mehmet
Lord TOMLINSON
Mr TOROSYAN Tigran
Mr WAAKLENS Harn Evert

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Ireland / Irlande
Finland/Finlande
Andorre
Monaco
Belgium / Belgique
Germany / Allemagne
Denmark / Danemark
Sweden / Suède
Russia / Russie
Poland / Pologne
Romania / Roumanie
Bulgaria / Bulgaire
Portugal
Czech Republic / République tchèque
Ukraine
Greece / Grèce
Cyprus / Chypre
Switzerland / Suisse
"the former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia"
Hungary / Hongrie
Turkey / Turquie
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
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Mr van den BRANDE Luc
Mr SCHMITT Ingo
Mrs LUNDGREN
Mr SLUTSKY Leonid
Mr IWÍŃSKI Tadeusz
Mr VOSGANIAN Varujan
Mr VERA JARDIM José
Mr VRETTOS Konstantinos
Mr KYPRIANOU Andros
Mrs VERMOT Ruth-Gaby

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 Mr PFLUG Johannes
 Mr PRENTICE Gordon
 Mr PROROKOVIĆ Miloš
 Mr SVOBODA Cyril
 Mr TOROSYAN Tigran
 Mr ZACCHERA Marco
 Mr ZYUGANOV Guennady
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 Poland / Pologne
 Belgium / Belgique
 Bulgaria / Bulgarie
 France
 Switzerland / Suisse
 Turkey / Turquie
 Austria / Autriche
 Netherlands / Pays-Bas
 Spain / Espagne
 Greece / Grèce
 Germany / Allemagne
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 Mrs CORTAJARENA Elvira
 Mr LINTNER Eduard
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23 janvier 2007

**AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE
ROUND TABLE ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION
IN THE CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

**SOUS-COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'ORGANISATION
D'UNE TABLE RONDE SUR LA SITUATION POLITIQUE EN
REPUBLIQUE TCHETCHENE**

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