



Political Affairs Committee

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly**

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31 January 2010

The Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg from 24 to 27 January 2011, first with Mr Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

re-elected:

- Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC), Chair
- Mr Lipiński (Poland, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chair
- Mr Kosachev (Russian Federation, EDG), 2nd Vice-Chair
- Mr M.A. Jensen (Denmark, ALDE), 3rd Vice-Chair

as regards:

- **Violence against Christians in the Middle East:** appointed Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur for the debate under urgent procedure; considered and approved a report, adopted a draft recommendation and subsequently took position on the amendments tabled;
- **The situation in Belarus in the aftermath of the presidential election:** confirmed Mrs Hurskainen (Finland, SOC) as Rapporteur for the debate under urgent procedure; considered and approved a report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution, took position on the amendments tabled and held an exchange of views with the other two members of the Parliamentary Troika on Belarus: Mr Jacek Protasiewicz, Chair of the European Parliament delegation for relations with Belarus, and Ms Uta Zapf, Chair of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly working group on Belarus;
- **The situation in Tunisia:** appointed Mrs Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) as Rapporteur for the debate under urgent procedure; considered and approved a report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and subsequently took position on the amendments tabled;
- **Follow-up to the reform of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur : Mr Mignon, France, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
- **Reconciliation and political dialogue between the countries of the former Yugoslavia** (*Rapporteur: Mr Marcenaro, Italy, SOC*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation and held an exchange of views with Ms Natasa Kandic, Director of the Humanitarian Law Center (Belgrade), and with representatives of the Croatian and Serbian delegations to the Assembly;

- **Iran's nuclear programme: the need for an effective international response** (*Rapporteur: Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, authorised him to conduct a fact-finding visit to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEI) in Vienna, and asked him to complete the report with a view to presenting it at the meeting of the Standing Committee in Kiev (27 May 2011);
- **The Council of Europe and the Eastern partnership of the European Union** (*Rapporteur: Mr Lipiński, Poland, EPP/CD*): postponed the consideration of this item to its next meeting;
- **Future work:**
 - a) Appointed for report:

Mr Michael Hancock (United Kingdom, ALDE) as Rapporteur on *Democracy and the limitation of mandates*;

Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as Rapporteur on *Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Palestinian National Council*,

after having heard from them a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;

decided to give no follow-up to the reference on *Mediation by the Council of Europe in cases of hostage-taking of Council of Europe member states citizens*;
 - b) Appointment of representatives of the Committee:

. *Council for democratic elections, Venice Commission*:

Mrs Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) as representative, Mr Hancock (United Kingdom, ALDE) as substitute;

. agreed to the proposal by the Chair to allow time, at the beginning of the next meeting, for free discussion where members would be able to raise any issue within the Committee's remit;
- **Reconstitution of sub-committees**
 - reconstituted its sub-committees on the Middle East, on External Relations and on Conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation as presented in the Appendix;
- **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to Assembly texts presented by the Political Affairs Committee:** took note of the replies adopted by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 1886 (2009) *The future of the Council of Europe in the light of its sixty years of experience* (Rapporteur: Mr Mignon); Recommendation 1898 (2010) *Thresholds and other features of electoral systems which have an impact on representativity of parliaments in Council of Europe member states* (Rapporteur: Mr Daems) and Recommendation 1919 (2010) *Euro-mediterranean region: call for a Council of Europe strategy* (Rapporteur: Mr Badré).
- **Next meetings**
 - . 8 March 2011 (afternoon), Paris – Sub-Committee on the Middle East
 - . 9 March 2011, Paris – Plenary Committee
 - . 2nd part-session 2011 (11-15 April 2010), Strasbourg

The sub-committee on the Middle East of the Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2011, first with Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC), and then Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) in the Chair:

- *re-elected* Mr de Puig (Spain, SOC) as Chair;
- *re-elected* Mr Tekelioğlu (Turkey, EPP/CD);
- took note of a general list of wastewater treatment projects handed in by the Knesset delegation and of a note on “Water in Palestine: rights and development”, handed in by the Palestinian Legislative Council delegation and asked each delegation to identify a select number of projects from the list on which further discussion could be based.
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** Paris, 8 March 2011 in the afternoon.

The sub-committee on external relations of the Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2011, with Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC), in the Chair:

- *elected* Mr Slutsky (Russian Federation, SOC) as Chair;
- postponed the election of the Vice-Chair;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting.

The sub-committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation of the Political Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2011, with Mr von Sydow (Sweden, SOC), in the Chair:

- *elected* Mrs Hurskainen (Finland, SOC) as Chair;
- postponed the election of the Vice-Chair;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting:*** left it to the Chair to convene its next meeting.

Despina Chatzivassiliou, João Ary, Pavel Chevtchenko, Silvia Arzilli

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