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To the members of Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 January 2013

The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, meeting in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 January 2013, first with Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), oldest member present, then Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) and Lord Donald Anderson (United Kingdom, SOC) in the Chair:

on Monday, 21 January 2013, 14:00 – 15:00, room 9, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** re-elected by acclamation:
 - Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) Chairperson;
 - Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson ;
 - Ms Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE), 2nd Vice-Chairperson;
 - Ms Karin Woldseth (Norway, EDG), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
- **Appointment of Rapporteur – Debate under urgent procedure:** appointed Ms Karin Woldseth (Norway, EDG) as Rapporteur on *Recent developments in Mali and Algeria and the threat to security and human rights in the Mediterranean region*;
- **Reconstitution or constitution of sub-committees:**
 - reconstituted its Sub-Committees on External Relations and on the Middle East;
 - set up a new Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD;
- **Open discussion on current issues:** held an exchange of views on **the situation in Iran** with the participation of:
 - Mr Ardechir Amir-Arjomand, Professor of public law, former Unesco Chair Holder for Human Rights, Peace and Democracy, Spokesman of the Coordinating Council of the Green Path of Hope of Iran,
 - Mr Rajab-Ali Mazroui, former Member of the Iranian Parliament, President of the Iranian Journalists Association, Iranian Economist,
 - Mr Morteza Kazemian, Political Activist and Member of the Central Committee of Press Freedom Association in Iran,
 - Mr Taghi Rahmani, author, political figure and winner of Hellman/Hammett grant for persecuted writers, Member of the “Council of Mellî Mazhabi Activists”, a democratic and liberal opposition group in Iran;

on Tuesday 22 January 2013, 08:30 – 09:45, room 9, as regards:

- **The situation in Kosovo*** and the role of the Council of Europe (*Rapporteur: Mr Björn von Sydow, Sweden, SOC*):
 - held an exchange of views with representatives of the political forces elected to the Kosovo Assembly:
 - Mr Hydajet Hyseni, Vice-chairperson of the Committee for Foreign Affairs,
 - Ms Vjosa Osmani, Member of the Committee for European Integration;
 - took position on the amendments to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;
- **The activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in 2010-2012** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tuur Elzinga, The Netherlands, UEL*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Turkey, EDG*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his visit in the region on 15-17 January 2013;
- **Appointment of representatives of the Committee:** appointed members and substitutes to represent the Committee at meetings of the following bodies in 2013 in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation and decided to inform the Bureau accordingly:
 - Council for democratic elections of the Venice Commission:
 - Member: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC,
 - Substitute : Ms Tinatin Khidasheli, Georgia, ALDE;
 - ECRI (European Commission against Racism and Intolerance):
 - Member: Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/DC,
 - Substitute: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE;

on Tuesday 22 January 2013, 14:00 – 15:00, room 9, as regards:

- **Debate under urgent procedure:** Recent developments in Mali and Algeria and the threat to security and human rights in the Mediterranean region (*Rapporteur: Ms Karin Woldseth, Norway, EDG*): held an exchange of views with Hon. Roger Nkodo Dang, Vice-President of the Pan African Parliament, as well as a delegation from the Parliament of Algeria; considered and approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;

on Thursday 24 January 2013, 08:30 – 09:45, room 9, as regards:

- **Debate under urgent procedure:** Recent developments in Mali and Algeria and the threat to security and human rights in the Mediterranean region (*Rapporteur: Ms Karin Woldseth, Norway, EDG*): took position on the amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Situation in Belarus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andres Herkel, Estonia, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the follow-up to Resolution 1857 (2012) and Recommendation 1992 (2012) and held an exchange of views with the participation of civil society representatives and with Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Assembly;
- **Democracy and the limitation of mandates** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mike Hancock, United Kingdom, ALDE*): decided to postpone this item to a forthcoming meeting;

* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

– **Work programme**

- *Follow-up to adopted texts emanating from the Committee*: heard a statement by the Chairperson and decided to transmit to the Bureau a document containing comments by rapporteurs on the replies by the Committee of Ministers to the recommendations emanating from the Committee in 2012;
- *Follow-up to the Conference on “Human Rights and Foreign Policy”*: heard a statement by the Chairperson on the Conference held in Turin on 13 December 2012 and took note of the proceedings of the Conference;
- *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2012-2013*: appointed Mr Dirk van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC) as Rapporteur, and heard from him a statement on the absence of conflict of interests;
- *Call for candidates for report on The functioning of democratic institutions in Romania*: following a preliminary exchange of views, decided to postpone this item;

on Thursday 24 January 2013, 14:45 – 15:30, room 9, as regards:

- **New Parliamentary effort to create a stability pact in the South Caucasus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Latchezar Toshev, Bulgaria, EPP/CD*): considered and unanimously approved an information report;
- **Preparation of the Committee’s meeting in Rabat, Morocco**: heard a statement by its Chairperson and by the Chairperson of the Moroccan delegation, and took note of the preliminary programme of the meeting;
- **Authorisations by the Committee**: authorised Mr Dirk van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur on *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2012-2013* and Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD, to attend the OECD Parliamentary Days, which will take place in Paris, on 11-13 February 2013;
- **Composition of sub-committees**: approved the lists of the sub-committees as presented in the Appendix;
- **Other business**: decided to authorise the elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community to attend the meetings of the Committee, throughout 2013.
- **Next meetings**: took note of the revised dates in March and June, as follows:
 - 13-14 March 2013, Rabat, Morocco
 - 22-26 April 2013 (2nd part session), Strasbourg
 - 5-6 June 2013, Paris
 - 24-28 June 2013 (3rd part session), Strasbourg
 - 6 September 2013, Paris
 - 30 September – 4 October 2013 (4th part session), Strasbourg
 - 8 November 2013, Paris
 - 10-11 December 2013, Paris.

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The Sub-Committee on external relations (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), meeting in Strasbourg on 22 January 2013, with Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:**
 - elected Mr Miloš Aligrudić (Serbia, EDG) as Chairperson,
 - postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting, probably during the April 2013 part-session.

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The Sub-Committee on the Middle East (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), meeting in Strasbourg on 22 January 2013, first with Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), then Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:**
 - re-elected Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) as Chairperson,
 - elected Lord Anderson (United Kingdom, SOC) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Recent developments in the region:** held an exchange of views with Mr Sabella, Chairperson of the Palestinian delegation and Ambassador Barkan, Secretary of the Israeli delegation;
- **Preparation of the meeting in the Middle East:** heard a statement from the Chairperson on the preparation of the meeting to be held in Israel and Palestine;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Israel and Palestine from 7 to 12 April 2013.

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The Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy), meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013, with Mr Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:**
 - elected Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL) as Chairperson,
 - elected Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
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APPENDIX

**Sub-Committee on the Middle East / Sous-commission sur le Proche-Orient
of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / de la Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

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