

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IMMUNITIES

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

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The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 April 2004 with Mr Holovaty in the Chair:

as regards

- *Contested credentials of the delegation of Serbia and Montenegro (Rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, LDR)*: unanimously agreed on an oral draft opinion, to be presented to the Assembly;
- *Composition of the Bureau of the Assembly (Rapporteur: Mr Cekuolis, Lithuania, LDR)*: considered and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, to be presented during the June part-session;
- *Content of written declarations and motions for recommendation and resolution (Rapporteur: Mr Akçam, Turkey, EPP/CD)*: considered and adopted a draft resolution to be presented to the Standing Committee in Oslo (7 September);
- *Follow-up to the hearing on the "The status of parliamentarians; immunities and incompatibilities: towards a harmonisation of existing standards", 27 October 03, Bucharest, Romania (Rapporteur: Mr Olteanu, Romania, SOC)*: heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to follow developments; in this context, asked the Secretariat to prepare an information document on recent cases where Assembly members had been prosecuted or arrested;
- *Initiation of a monitoring procedure (Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC)*: took note of a working document, presented by the rapporteur and decided to consider it at the next Committee meeting;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General in the Secretariat of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of 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

- *Council of Europe activities*: took note of a draft revised opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly, presented by the Chair and decided to forward the conclusions of it to the President of the Assembly in the form of a letter; in this context, it also agreed to send the questionnaire on Council of Europe activities to those countries who have not yet replied to it;
- appointed the following rapporteurs:
 - *The institutional balance in the Council of Europe (Doc. 10106 rev)*:
Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, LDR)
 - *Greater transparency of the decisions of the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 9297)*:
Mr Olteanu (Romania, SOC)
- decided to meet during the next part-session of the Assembly (21-25 June 2004).

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