

**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 23 and 24 January 2006, first with Mr Vis (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards

- **Election of the Chairperson:** elected Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) as Chairperson;
- **Election of three Vice-Chairpersons:** elected Mr Manzella (Italy, SOC) as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson, Mrs Samoilovska-Cvetanova ("the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", EPP/CD) as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson and Mr Einarsson (Sweden, UEL) as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson;
- **The challenge of still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Azerbaijan on substantial grounds:** appointed Mr Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) as rapporteur and approved a draft opinion;
- **Mechanisms to ensure women's participation in decision-making (Rapporteur: Mrs Mendonça, Portugal, SOC):** in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to postpone the consideration of the opinion to the next meeting;
- **Obligation for new members of the assembly to make or sign a solemn statement affirming to subscribe to the aims and basic principles of the Council of Europe (Rapporteur: Mr van Overmeire, Belgium, NR):** considered a memorandum and asked the rapporteur to prepare a draft report for the next meeting;
- **Procedural guidelines on the rights and duties of the opposition in a democratic parliament (Rapporteur: Mr Van Overmeire, Belgium, NI):** decided to postpone the consideration of the memorandum to the next meeting;
- **Procedure for decisions by committees relating to candidates eligible for election by the Assembly:** appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur;
- Next meetings:
  - Paris, on Wednesday 15 March 2006 (morning);
  - Strasbourg, during the next part-session of the Assembly (10-13 April 2006).

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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