

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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

7 June 2006

The Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities, meeting in Paris on 1 June 2006, with Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair as regards:

- ***Institutional balance at the Council of Europe (rapporteur: Mr Schieder, SOC):***
 - . held an exchange of views with Ambassador Jean-Claude Joseph, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe, and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers' Working Group on Institutional Reform,
 - . considered a revised draft report, asked the Committee members to provide their comments by the next meeting, and invited the rapporteur to prepare a revised draft report for the meeting on 7 September 2006;
- ***Open and transparent voting in the Assembly (rapporteur: Mr Cebeci, Turkey, EPP/CD):*** considered an introductory memorandum presented by the rapporteur, heard a statement by the Director General of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly, and invited the rapporteur to prepare a preliminary draft report for the next meeting;
- ***Improving the participation of members in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly (rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC):***
 - . took note of the answers to the questionnaire sent to the members,
 - . considered a preliminary memorandum prepared by the rapporteur,
 - . heard a statement by the Director General of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly,
 - . decided to resume consideration of the item at its next meeting;
- ***Conflict of interest:*** considered an information memorandum and instructed its Chairperson to send a letter to the President of the Assembly informing him of the Committee's renewed position on the issue;
- ***Evaluating the role of the Council of Europe during the presidential elections in Ukraine:*** considered an introductory memorandum prepared by the Chairperson, and invited him to prepare a draft report for the attention of the Bureau, for adoption at its the next meeting;
- ***Next meetings:***
 - Strasbourg, during the June part-session of the Assembly (26-30 June 2006)
 - Paris, 7 September 2006.

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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
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