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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE, IMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

25 June 2008

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 June 2008 with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Dialogue between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly (follow-up to Recommendation 1763 (2006) on the institutional balance at the Council of Europe):** heard a statement by the Chair on the basis of an information memorandum, held an exchange of views with Ambassador Judit József, Chairperson of the Working Group on Institutional Reforms of the Committee of Ministers, and asked the Chair to formalize the proposals of the Committee in a letter to the President of the Assembly;
- **External relations of the Assembly: implementation of the proposals contained in Resolution 1600 (2008) on the Council of Europe and its observer states: current situation and perspectives:** considered a revised information memorandum prepared by the Chair, and asked him to prepare a draft opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly for discussion at the next meeting;
- **Rules concerning secret ballots in Committees:** considered and approved unanimously a draft opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly and asked the Chair to transmit it to the President of the Assembly;
- **Participation of members in plenary sessions of the Assembly and in Committee meetings:** heard a statement by the Chair and agreed to resume the discussion at the next meeting, on the basis of an information memorandum;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (Strasbourg, 22 – 23 May 2008):** took note of the conclusions;
- **Questions to the Committee of Ministers:** taking into account the current practice, asked the Chair to raise the question of a change to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly concerning this issue at the next Bureau meeting;
- **Next meeting:**
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's fourth part-session (29 September – 3 October 2008).

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

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