



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

9 November 2009

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Paris on 5 November 2009 with Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of a Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Kox (The Netherlands, UEL) 3rd Vice-Chair;
- **Paragraphs 28.8 and 28.11 of Resolution 1689 (2009) on the future of the Council of Europe in the light of its 60 years of experience:**
 - . appointed Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG) as rapporteur,
 - . held an exchange of views,
 - . decided to present two separate reports, one on the changes in the composition of the Bureau of the Assembly (*ex officio* participation of the Chairpersons of the parliamentary delegations of the Troika states of the Committee of Ministers) and another on the term of office of the President of the Assembly and the Committee Chairs,
 - . asked the rapporteur to present a preliminary draft report on the first theme at its next meeting,
 - . decided to give consideration to the second theme in 2010,
 - . asked its Chair to send a letter to the President of the Assembly inviting him to inform the Bureau on the approach followed by the committee;
- **Amendment of various provisions of the Parliamentary Assembly's Rules of Procedure** (*rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered, amended and unanimously approved an addendum to the report and seven amendments to the draft resolution, and asked the rapporteur to present them at the next meeting of the Standing Committee (Bern, 20 November 2009);
- **Code of conduct for co-rapporteurs on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe:** heard a statement by the Chair, held an exchange of views, and asked the Chair to send a letter to the President of the Assembly inviting him to seek the views of the Bureau on the questions raised by the Committee concerning the definition of its mandate on this issue;
- **Follow-up to Resolution 1665 (2009) on the election process for the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** considered a revised draft opinion to the Bureau presented by its Chair submitting proposals for changes to the Rules for the appointment of the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the Secretary General of the Assembly, decided to resume consideration thereof at its next meeting, and appointed its Chair to participate in the first meeting of the *ad hoc* working party of the Committee of Ministers for the re-examination of the rules and procedures for future elections of the Secretary General (GT-SG) in Strasbourg on 10 November 2009;
- **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum presented by the rapporteur, and decided to resume discussion on the issue at one of its next meetings on the basis of a revised memorandum including complementary analysis;

- **Requiring a minimum of 30 % of each sex in the Assembly's national delegations** (*rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and asked him to prepare a draft report for consideration at one of its next meetings;

- **Next meetings:**

- . in London, on 7 December 2009 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*),
- . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session (25 – 29 January 2010).

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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