



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

30 June 2010

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 June 2010 with Mr Haibach (Germany, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines** (*rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): in the rapporteur's absence, took note of a preliminary draft report and asked the rapporteur to present a draft report at its next meeting;
- **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered a revised introductory memorandum, and decided to transmit it to the Chair of the Working Party on Institutional Reforms of the Committee of Ministers for comments, and decided to invite her to an exchange of views at a forthcoming meeting;
- **Code of conduct for rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Mignon, France, EPP/DC*): considered an introductory memorandum, and decided to continue consideration of the matter at its next meeting;
- **Fair representation of political parties or groups in their respective parliaments in national delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly**: appointed Mr Kox (Netherlands, UEL) rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum prepared by the Committee Chairperson and asked the rapporteur to present a draft report at its next meeting;
- **Duration of the term of office of the President of the Assembly and committee chairpersons** (*rapporteur: Mr Greenway, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered an introductory memorandum prepared by the rapporteur, asked its Chairperson to consult the Assembly political groups on the need to modify the existing Rules, and decide to resume consideration of the issue at its next meeting in the light of the replies received;
- **Ensuring protection against attacks on the honour and reputation of persons**: appointed Mrs Bemelmans-Videc (Netherlands, EPP/CD) rapporteur;
- **Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy** (*Yerevan, 19-20 October 2010*): appointed Mr Haibach (Germany, EPP/CD), Mr Greenway (United Kingdom, EDG), Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mrs Lilliehöök (Sweden, EPP/CD) members of the *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau;
- **More gender equality in Parliamentary Assembly positions**: considered a motion for a resolution presented by Mrs Stump and others, which the Bureau had forwarded to the committee for consultation on the follow-up to be given; following an exchange of views, asked its Chairperson to inform the Bureau that the Committee considered that there was no need to prepare a further report on the issue since the previous recommendations of the Committee set out in Resolution 1585 (2007) on gender equality principles in the Parliamentary Assembly still have to be implemented;
- **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament** (Limassol, 10-12 June 2010): took note of the conclusions of the Conference;

- **Composition of observers delegations and participation in the Assembly' work:** took note of a letter sent by Mr Tilson, Chair of the Canadian observer delegation to the President of the Assembly, and of the latter's reply, and asked its Chairperson to request the Bureau to refer to the Committee the issue of a possible change of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure for report;

- **Next meeting:**

. in Strasbourg, during the Assembly 4th part-session (4-8 October 2010).

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