



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

6 December 2011

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Vilnius (Lithuania) on 1 December 2011 with Mr Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- heard a welcome address by Mr Česlovas Juršėnas, Deputy Speaker of the *Seimas* (the Lithuanian Parliament) ;
- **Code of conduct of members of the Assembly: good practice or a core duty?** (*rapporteur: Mr Heald, United Kingdom, EDG*):
 - . considered an introductory memorandum presented by the rapporteur,
 - . heard the report by the rapporteur on his participation to the seminar organised by the GRECO on corruption prevention in respect of members of parliament (Andorra, 9 November 2011),
 - . held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr John Lyon, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, United Kingdom
 - Mr Vaidotas Bacevičius, member of the Commission for Ethics and Procedures of the *Seimas*
 - Mr Sergej Muravjov, Executive Director of Transparency International Lithuania,
 - . decided that the motion for a resolution “Strengthening the mechanism for the disclosure of conflicts of interest in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe” will be taken into account in the framework of the report on a “Code of conduct of members of the Assembly: good practice or a core duty?” and instructed its Chairperson to inform the Bureau accordingly;
- **Self-evaluation by Europe’s national parliaments: procedural guidelines to improve the quality of parliamentary work** (*rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution, and instructed the rapporteur to present them at the forthcoming meeting of the Standing Committee (Paris, 9 March 2012);
- **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and invited the rapporteur to present a draft report, including a preliminary draft recommendation and a preliminary draft resolution, at the next meeting;
- **Terms of reference and work programme of the Committee for 2012**: held an exchange of views and took note of the modified terms of reference of the committee;
- **Next meeting**:
 - . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly 1st part-session (23-27 January 2012).

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 - Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
 - Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
 - Secretary General of the Congress
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