



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### Synopsis

13 March 2012

**The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**, meeting in Paris on 8 March 2012 with Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Order of precedence of vice-chairpersons of committees:***
  - . considered and approved a draft opinion to the Bureau, presented by the Chair of the committee;
  - . considered that the order of precedence of vice-chairpersons of committees should be established according to the agreement reached among the political groups within the Presidential Committee, when the election of committee bureaux takes place in conformity with Rule 45.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
  - . considered that Rule 45.3 can be interpreted as it is and that, consequently, the Rules of Procedure should not be changed;
  - . asked its Chair to transmit the committee's opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly, in order to endorse this interpretation of Rule 45.3 of the Rules of Procedure;
  
- ***Status of chairpersons of political groups in Assembly committees (Rule 18.5 of the Rules of Procedure):***
  - . considered and took note of an introductory memorandum prepared by the secretariat;
  - . appointed Mr Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) rapporteur and asked him to present a draft report at a forthcoming meeting;
  
- ***Self-evaluation by Europe's national parliaments: procedural guidelines in order to improve the quality of the parliament's work (rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC):*** took note that no amendment had been presented to the draft resolution, scheduled to be discussed in the Standing Committee of 9 March 2012;
  
- ***Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly:***
  - . appointed Mr Holovaty (Ukraine, ALDE) rapporteur;
  - . took note of the decision of the Bureau of 8 March 2012 to ask the committee to consider, in the context of this report, the expectations of national parliaments regarding the activities of the Assembly, as well as the impact of adopted texts on the work of parliaments and national governments and the impact of participation of Assembly members in the work of the Assembly and its committees;

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– **Harassment against a member of the Parliamentary Assembly :**

. took note of the letter addressed by Mrs de Pourbaix-Lundin to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning the on-line harassment by hundreds of Hungarian internet users, of which she has been a victim, following the call made against her by a member of the Hungarian parliamentary delegation in reaction to a reminder to the Rules of Procedures regarding him, that she had taken when chairing the 6<sup>th</sup> sitting of the Assembly on 25 January 2012;

. following an exchange of views, the committee decided to ask the President of the Assembly to send a letter to the Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, denouncing firmly the behaviour of the above member of the Hungarian delegation and expressing the indignation of the Assembly;

. asked its Chair to inform the Bureau of the opinion of the committee on this question, and of its availability to prepare a report if the Bureau considers it advisable;

– **Next meeting:**

. in Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (23-27 April 2012).

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