



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

SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Synopsis

2 May 2012

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 April 2012 with Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up by the Committee of Ministers to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*rapporteur: Mr Serhiy Holovaty, Ukraine, ALDE*): took note that no amendment had been tabled to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- **Code of conduct of members of the Parliamentary Assembly: good practice or a core duty?** (*rapporteur: Mr Oliver Heald, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered a preliminary draft report and asked its rapporteur to present a draft report at the next meeting, taking account of observations made by members during the present meeting;
- **Administrative and financial matters:**
 - . considered and adopted the terms of reference of the general rapporteur of the Parliamentary Assembly on the budget and intergovernmental programme;
 - . appointed Mr Salles (France, EPP/CD), general rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme, subject to Bureau approval and Assembly ratification of the terms of reference, and heard from him a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;
 - . took note of a memorandum presented by the Staff Committee of the Council of Europe on the reform of the Council of Europe and pension reform, and decided to hold an exchange of views with the Chairman of the Staff Committee at its next meeting;
- **Joint meeting of the Presidential Committee with the committee chairpersons** (*Strasbourg, 22 April 2012*): heard a statement by Mr Heald (United Kingdom, EDG), First Vice-chairperson;
- **Strengthening standards on democratic functioning of national parliaments: a guide to parliamentary good practice**: appointed Mr Gross (Switzerland, SOC) rapporteur;
- took note of the motion for a resolution on “the need to amend Article 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly so as to establish German, Italian and Russian, which have hitherto been working languages, as official languages of the Assembly”, transmitted for information;
- took note of its work programme;
- **Next meeting:**
 - . in Strasbourg, during the 3rd part-session of the Assembly ((25 – 29 June 2012).

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- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
 - Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
 - Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
 - Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
 - Secretary General of the Congress
 - Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
 - Directors General
 - Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Director of Communication
 - Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe