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To the members of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Synopsis of the meeting and seminar held in Rome (Italy) on 17 and 18 May 2016

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Rome, on 17 and 18 May 2016:

- on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 9 am, with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Parliamentary immunity: challenges to the scope of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliana Palihovici, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to their presentation to the Assembly for debate at its June 2016 part-session;
 - **The nature of the mandate of members of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nataša Vučković, Serbia, SOC*): approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to their presentation to the Assembly for debate at its June 2016 part-session;
 - **Effective representation and participation in the Parliamentary Assembly of opposition parliamentarians in the member States** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to undertake fact-finding visits in some member States (Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Turkey, subject to confirmation), subject to the availability of funds;
 - **Transparency and openness in European institutions** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Chiora Taktakishvili, Georgia, ALDE*): considered a draft report presented by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and, following an exchange of views, invited the rapporteur to prepare the committee's opinion, with a view to its approval at the next meeting;
 - **Bicameral legislature: an institutional anachronism?**: held a hearing with the participation of Mr Alberik Goris, Director of the Legal Department of the House of Representatives, Belgium, and Mr Javier Ballarin Iribarren, Legal Counsellor to the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Immunities of the Senate, Spain;
 - **Consideration of amendments in committees and in plenary sitting**: decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
 - **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session (20-24 June 2016),
 - . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session (10-14 October 2016).

- **on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 2 pm**, with Ms Liliana Palihovici (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Seminar on “Parliamentary responsibility”** jointly organised with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Italian Chamber of Deputies: took part in the seminar, heard interventions and held an exchange of views in the framework of the following sessions:

“Parliamentary accountability: a matter of ethics or politics?” chaired by Ms Liliana Palihovici, with the participation of:

- Mr Nicolò Zanon, Judge of the Constitutional Court, Italy;
- Mr Krzysztof Drzewicki, Professor at the University of Gdańsk, Faculty of Law and Administration, Poland;
- Mr Javier Ballarin Iribarren, Legal Counsellor to the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Immunities of the Senate, Spain;

“Ensuring respect for ECHR norms: parliamentary structures to supervise compliance” chaired by Mr Bernd Fabritius, first Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, with the participation of:

- Mr Martin Kuijjer, Legal Advisor, Directorate of Legislation and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Security and Justice, Professor of Human Rights Law at the Vrije Universiteit University of Amsterdam, Netherlands;
- Mr Paul Mahoney, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights with respect to the United Kingdom, Strasbourg, France;
- Mr Nicola Lupo, Professor of Public Law and Deputy Director of the Centre of Parliamentary Studies, LUISS University, Rome, Italy.

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