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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 11 and 13 October 2016

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 11 and 13 October 2016:

- on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 8.30 a.m., with Ms Liliana Palihovici (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Serbia:**

- heard a statement by Ms Aleksandra Djurović (EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Serbian parliamentary delegation,
- following an exchange of views, considered and unanimously adopted an opinion to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, concluding that the credentials of the Serbian parliamentary delegation shall be ratified;

- **Defending the acquis of the Council of Europe: preserving 65 years of successful intergovernmental co-operation** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*): considered a preliminary draft report, authorised the rapporteur to undertake fact-finding visits in Spain and Ukraine, subject to the availability of funds, agreed to organise an expert hearing at its next meeting, and agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an extension of reference until 30 September 2017 for this report;

- **Follow-up to Resolution 1903 (2012): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, United Kingdom, EC*): considered a revised information memorandum and invited the rapporteur to present a preliminary draft report at a next meeting;

- on Thursday 13 October 2016 at 2 p.m., with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Challenges to the co-operation of member States with the Assembly as regards the free movement of Assembly members:** decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;

- **Introduction of sanctions against parliamentarians:** decided to postpone the consideration of the Committee of Ministers' reply to Assembly Recommendation 2083 (2016) to its next meeting;

- **Work programme:**

- agreed to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an extension of reference until 30 November 2017 for the report on "*Effective representation and participation in the Parliamentary Assembly of opposition parliamentarians in the member States*";

. appointed its Chairperson to participate in the meeting of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation of the Council of Europe to be held in Strasbourg on 16 and 17 November 2016 (item relating to the consideration of a draft Committee of Ministers' recommendation on Legal regulation of lobbying activities);

– **World Forum for Democracy** (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2016): appointed Ms Liliana Palihovici (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau;

– **Next meeting**: decided to hold its next meeting in Paris (Council of Europe office) on 2 December 2016.

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Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
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