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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 from 23 to 25 January 2018

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 23, 24 and 25 January 2018, with first Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), senior member present, and then Ms Petra de Sutter (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

– **Composition of the Bureau of the Committee:**

- . elected by acclamation Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) Chairperson,
- . elected by acclamation Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC), Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE) and Ms Ingjerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Chairperson respectively;

– **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra:**

- . heard Mr Carles Jordana, Chairperson of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra, and held an exchange of views,
- . appointed Ms Petra De Sutter rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest,
- . approved a report and adopted a draft resolution,
- . took position on two amendments tabled to the draft resolution and approved an oral sub-amendment;

– **Follow-up to Resolution 1903 (2012): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members: format and content of declaratory requirements:** reconsidered, at the Bureau request, the decisions taken at its meeting on 16 November 2017 on declaratory requirements of the members of the Assembly, confirmed its approval of the Assembly members' declaration of interests form, decided to no longer add an assets declaration form, decided on possible sanctions against members who failed to make a declaration, refused to make one, failed to disclose a relevant interest or made an untruthful declaration, and invited the Chairperson to inform the Bureau of the Assembly;

– **Budget of the Council of Europe and expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly (General rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL):** held an exchange of views on the budgetary situation of the Assembly, heard a statement by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, and considered a draft declaration prepared by the general rapporteur, that it could not adopt in the absence of a quorum;

– **Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure with a view to removing Turkish from the list of working languages of the Assembly:** appointed Ms Petra De Sutter rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest, held an exchange of views, and decided to consider a draft report for adoption at its next meeting;

- **Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to the European Union institutions (Brussels, 27 November 2017) as well as the presentation of an information memorandum;
- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**: heard a presentation by the Director of General Services of the Assembly, considered an information memorandum and approved proposals to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Reconstitution of the sub-committee on ethics**: reconstituted the sub-committee (see list of members contained in the appendix);
- **Work programme**
 - appointed Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE) rapporteur for opinion on «*Identity, role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly as a statutory organ of the Council of Europe, and a pan-European forum for inter-parliamentary dialogue*» and heard from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;
 - decided to merge in a single report the references on «*Amending Rule 20.3 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure on the status of the immediate past President of the Assembly*» and on the «*Procedure for considering motions for resolutions and recommendations and its possible improvement*» with that on «*Amending Rule 19 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure on political groups*», which is the subject of a report under preparation, and confirmed Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as rapporteur, and invited the chairperson to inform the Bureau of the Assembly;
- **Next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - . in Paris (Office of the Council of Europe), 9 March 2018, at 9 am
 - . in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session (23-27 April 2018)

Valérie Clamer

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 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
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Sub-Committee on ethics / Sous-commission sur la déontologie

List of members / *Liste des membres*

13 seats / 13 sièges

Members / membres :

Sir	GALE Roger	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	EC / <i>CE</i>
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Ex officio member / *membre de droit* :

Ms/Mme De SUTTER Petra (Belgium / *Belgique*, SOC), Committee Chairperson / *Présidente de la commission*