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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 9, 10 and 11 April 2019

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on 9, 10 and 11 April 2019, with first Ms Petra de Sutter (Belgium, SOC), and then Ms Ingerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered and took note of the opinions presented by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe, and took position on the amendments presented to the draft resolution and to the draft recommendation;
- **Debate under urgent procedure: Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a report presented by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and approved an opinion containing three amendments to the draft resolution and three amendments to the draft recommendation presented;
- **Council of Europe contingency plan: consequences for the Parliamentary Assembly**: heard a communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly followed by an exchange of views;
- **Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure**: (*Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments presented to the draft resolution;
- **Alleged breach of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly by Mr Klich (Poland, EPP/CD) (in camera)**: heard Mr Klich and, after deliberation, in accordance with the Code of conduct for the members of the Parliamentary Assembly, found that the allegation had no basis;
- **Formation of a new political group: New European Democrats/Europe of Nations and Freedom (NED/ENF)**: further to the Bureau of the Assembly's request for advice on the procedure defined in Rule 19.1 of the Rules of Procedure, held an exchange of views, took note of information documents put at its disposal, and invited its Chairperson to inform the Bureau of the Assembly of its position;
- **Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): decided to postpone the consideration of a draft report until the next meeting;
- **Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021 and Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE*): heard a presentation of both draft reports by the rapporteur and decided to proceed to the adoption of a draft resolution and a draft opinion at its next meeting;

- **Analysis of the use made by the Assembly's political groups of their allocations for 2018** (*General rapporteur: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE*): postponed until the next meeting the consideration of a draft communication to the Bureau;
- **Next meetings:**
 - Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 4 June 2019
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session (24-28 June 2019).

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