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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 2 October 2019

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg, on 2 October 2019, with first Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC), senior member present, and then Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

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

- . elected by acclamation Mr Indrek Saar (Estonia, SOC) Chairperson,
- . elected by acclamation Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC) and Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE) 1st and 2nd Vice-Chairperson respectively;

– **Rule 7 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure on the challenge, on procedural grounds, of credentials submitted by national delegations: taking into account restrictive measures adopted by the European Union concerning individuals:** held a hearing in the context of the follow-up to the debate on the draft report on the "Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation" (Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of Professor Pierre Klein, Centre for International Law, Faculty of Law – Free University of Brussels (Belgium), and Professor Władysław Czapliński, Institute of International Law, Polish Academy of Sciences, Łódź (Poland);

– **Guidelines on the scope of the parliamentary immunities enjoyed by members of the Parliamentary Assembly:** appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) rapporteur, heard from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest, and decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an extension of the validity of the reference until 5 October 2020;

– **Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections:** appointed Sir Edward Leigh (United Kingdom, EC) rapporteur for opinion, and heard from him a declaration of absence of any conflict of interest;

– **The need to enable the Committee of Ministers to give answers to the Assembly even in the absence of a consensus** (Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC): decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly for an extension of the validity of the reference until 5 October 2020;

– **Next meetings:**

- Paris, Bureau du Conseil de l'Europe, December 2019 (*date to be confirmed*)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1st part-session (27-31 January 2020).

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