



AS/Pro (2019) CB 02
9 March 2020

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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 4 March 2020

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Paris on 4 March 2020, with Ms Ingjerd Schou (Norway, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure – follow up to Resolution 2319 (2020) of the Assembly on a Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations** (*Rapporteur: Sir Edward Leigh, United Kingdom, EC/DA*):
 - considered the draft report and approved a draft resolution as amended;
 - in the light of the rules and procedures needing to be adapted to parliamentary practice or requiring clarification, decided to request from the Bureau of the Assembly to be seized for a separate report on further modifications to be made to the Rules of Procedure;
- **Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Sir Edward Leigh, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): heard a presentation of the rapporteur and invited him to prepare a draft opinion to the report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for consideration and approval at its next meeting;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**: appointed
 - Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) *General rapporteur of the Parliamentary Assembly on the budget and intergovernmental programme* and heard from him a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
 - Ms Nicole Trisse (France, ALDE) *rapporteur on Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*, subject to hearing from her a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest;
- **Declaration of interests by members of the Parliamentary Assembly for 2020**: was informed of the statistics on the number of members who had not submitted their declaration, held an exchange of views and decided to resume consideration of the issue at its next meeting;
- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Spain** (*presented at the January 2020 part-session*): was informed by the chairperson of the letter sent by the Spanish Parliament to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly presenting the complementary credentials of its delegation for ratification by the Standing Committee (Paris, 6 March 2020) with a composition respecting the commitment made before the Committee in January 2020 to ensure fair representation of the political groups in the parliament;

.../...

– **Next meetings:**

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session (20-24 April 2020)
- Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 4 June 2020
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session (22-26 June 2020)
- Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 21 September 2020
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session (12-16 October 2020)
- Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 30 November 2020.

Valérie Clamer, Yeva Sushko

- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe