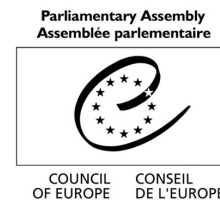


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TWENTY SIXTH SITTING

Thursday 28 June 2007 at 3.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Mr René van der Linden, President of the Assembly, took the Chair at 3.05 p.m.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of Proceedings of the twenty-third sitting were agreed to.

2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The names of the Representatives, Substitutes and Observers who signed the attendance register are given in the Appendix.

3. ORGANISATION OF DEBATES

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly agreed that the list of questions to Mr Vuk Jeremić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers, be interrupted at about 4 p.m.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY PRESENTED BY MR VUK JEREMIĆ, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SERBIA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

The President welcomed Mr Vuk Jeremić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers.

Mr Vuk Jeremić addressed the Assembly and presented the Communication on the activities of the Committee of Ministers (Doc. CM/AS(2007)5).

Mr Vuk Jeremić replied to questions contained in Doc. 11326 put to him by Mr Jean-Guy Branger, Ms Ganira Pashayeva, Mr Rainer Steenblock, Mr Tony Lloyd.

Mr Luc Van den Brande spoke on a point of order.

Mr Vuk Jeremić replied to further questions put to him by Mr Tadeusz Iwiński, Mr Luc Van den Brande, Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Mr József Gedei, Mr Tiny Kox, Lord Russell-Johnston.

The President thanked Mr Vuk Jeremić.

Mr Walter Schmied, a Vice-President of the Assembly, took the Chair in place of the President

5. HONOURING OF OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS BY MONACO (DOC. 11299)

The report of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) (Doc. 11299) was presented by Mr Pedro Agramunt and Mr Leonid Slutsky, Co-Rapporteurs.

The debate was opened.

Speakers: Mr Bernard Schreiner, Mrs Hanne Severinsen, Mr Leo Platvoet, Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Mr Bernard Marquet, Mr Jean-Guy Branger, Mr Gediminas Jakavonis.

Mr Pedro Agramunt and Mr Leonid Slutsky, Co-Rapporteurs, and Mr Eduard Lintner, Chairman, Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), replied to the debate.

The debate was closed.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the draft resolution contained in Doc. 11299.

An amendment (No. 1) was proposed by Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Abdülkadir Ateş, Mr Andreas Gross, Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Mrs Corien W A Jonker, Mrs Hanne Severinsen, Mr Christos Pourgourides, Mr Leo Platvoet, Mr Boriss Cilevičs, in the draft resolution, after paragraph 19.1, insert the following sub-paragraph:

"put an end to princely practice of providing for criminal offences and penalties by Sovereign Orders without consulting the Parliament;"

Speakers: Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Leonid Slutsky, Mr Eduard Lintner.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Another amendment (No. 2) was proposed by Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Abdülkadir Ateş, Mr Andreas Gross, Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Mrs Corien W A Jonker, Mrs Hanne Severinsen, Mr Christos Pourgourides, Mr Leo Platvoet, Mr Boriss Cilevičs, in the draft resolution, after paragraph 19.1, insert the following sub-paragraph:

"demarcate more clearly the cases in which the Prince can issue Sovereign Orders, particularly with regard to incorporating international conventions into domestic law;"

Speakers: Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Mr Eduard Lintner.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Another amendment (No. 3) was proposed by Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Abdülkadir Ateş, Mr Andreas Gross, Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Mrs Corien W A Jonker, Mrs Hanne Severinsen, Mr Christos Pourgourides, Mr Leo Platvoet, Mr Boriss Cilevičs, in the draft resolution, after paragraph 19.2, insert the following paragraph:

"In order to assist the Monegasque authorities in future reforms, the Assembly decides to request an opinion of the Venice Commission on the Constitution and constitutional practice of the Principality of Monaco".

Speakers: Mr Erik Jurgens, Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Mr Eduard Lintner.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr Leonid Slutsky spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly agreed the draft resolution (*Resolution 1566*) with 36 votes in favour, 9 votes against and 4 abstentions.

6. IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAMME: THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE (DOC. 11294)

The report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 11294) was presented by Mr Göran Lindblad, Rapporteur.

The debate was opened.

Speakers: Mr Mikhail Margelov, Mr Tiny Kox.

Mr Serhiy Holovaty, a Vice-President of the Assembly, took the Chair in place of Mr Walter Schmied.

Speakers: Mr Tony Lloyd, Mrs Urszula Gacek, Mr Kimmo Sasi, Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Mr José Mendes Bota, Mr Vilna'i.

Mr Göran Lindblad, Rapporteur, and Mr Abdülkadir Ateş, Chairman, Political Affairs Committee, replied to the debate.

The debate was closed.

The Assembly agreed the draft resolution (*Resolution 1567*) with 31 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

7. DATE, TIME AND ORDERS OF THE DAY OF THE NEXT SITTING

The next sitting was fixed for Friday 29 June at 10 a.m. with the following orders of the day:

1. INTERCULTURAL AND INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

1.a. State, religion, secularity and human rights (Doc. 11298)

1.b. Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion (Doc. 11296)

Joint debate and votes on two draft recommendations and amendments.

The sitting was closed at 5.50 p.m.

APPENDIX

Representatives or Substitutes who signed the Attendance Register in accordance with Rule 11.2 of the Rules of Procedure. The names of Substitutes who replaced absent Representatives are printed in small letters.

ADAM, Ulrich / Fischer, Axel	MELČÁK, Miloš
AGRAMUNT, Pedro	MENDES BOTA, José
ATEŞ, Abdülkadir	MIKUTIENĖ, Dangutė / Jakavonis, Gediminas
AZZOLINI, Claudio	MITREVA, Ilinka
BALČYTIS, Zigmantas	NEGELE, Gebhard
BARNETT, Doris	OHLSSON, Carina
BEMELMANS-VIDEC, Marie-Louise / Weekers, Frans	OJULAND, Kristiina
BENDER, Ryszard	PAPADIMITRIOU, Elsa
BERÉNYI, József	PASHAYEVA, Ganira
BERLUSCONI, Silvio / Rivolta, Dario	PIROZHNIKOVA, Liudmila
BJØRNSTAD, Vidar	POSTOICO, Maria
BOCCIA, Maria Luisa / Del Roio, José Luiz	POURBAIX-LUNDIN, Marietta de
BRAJOVIĆ, Ivan	RAU, Zbigniew
BRANDE, Luc Van den	REPS, Mailis
BURLISON, Lord	REYMANN, Marc
ČEKUOLIS, Jonas / Staponkienė, Aldona	RIGONI, Andrea
COLOMBIER, Georges / Branger, Jean-Guy	RUSSELL-JOHNSTON,
ČURDOVÁ, Anna / Skopal, Ladislav	RUSTAMYAN, Armen
DAČIĆ, Ivica	SASI, Kimmo
ÉVIN, Claude / Dreyfus-Schmidt, Michel	SCHMIED, Walter
FEDOROV, Valeriy	SCHREINER, Bernard
FOSS, Per-Kristian / Duesund, Åse Gunhild Woie	SEVERINSEN, Hanne
GACEK, Urszula	SHARANDIN, Yuri
GAJDŮŠKOVÁ, Alena	SHYBKO, Vitaliy
GARDETTO, Jean-Charles	SLUTSKY, Leonid
GEDEI, József	ŠOJDROVÁ, Michaela / Jirsa, Tomáš
GILMORE, Eamon	STEENBLOCK, Rainer
GJUL, Gunn Karin	SUDARENKOV, Valeriy
GREFF, Claude / Hugon, Jean-Yves	SYDOW, Björn von
GRIGNON, Francis	SZABÓ, Zoltán
GROSS, Andreas / Dupraz, John	TOMLINSON, Lord
GRZYB, Andrzej / Tomaszewska, Ewa	ULRICH, Alexander / Pflug, Johannes
HAJIYEV, Sabir	VAREIKIS, Egidijus / Zingeris, Emanuelis
HANCOCK, Michael	VERMOT-MANGOLD, Ruth-Gaby
HERKEL, Andres	VIS, Rudi
HOLOVATY, Serhiy	WAALKENS, Harm Evert / Platvoet, Leo
HURSKAINEN, Sinikka	WOHLWEND, Renate / Frommelt, Doris
HUSEYNOV, Ali / Mirzazada, Aydin	
IWIŃSKI, Tadeusz	
JACOBSEN, Bjørn / Asphjell, Jorodd	ALSO PRESENT
JEFTIĆ, Miloš / Vučković, Nataša	Representatives and Substitutes not authorised to
JOHANSSON, Morgan	vote:
JUNG, Armand	
JURGENS, Erik	FAUTRIER, Catherine
KAIKKONEN, Antti / Laakso, Jaakko	LIBICKI, Jan Filip
KESKIN, Hakki	SAAR, Indrek
KONEČNÝ, Albrecht	
KOROBENNIKOV, Anatoliy	Special Guests
KOSACHEV, Konstantin / Kolesnikov, Victor	
KOX, Tiny	-
LAUKKANEN, Markku Kallio, Reijo /	Observers
LEPPER, Andrzej / Wach, Piotr	
LINDBLAD, Göran	BUGANZA SALMERON, Gerardo
LINDEN, René van der / Meulenbelt, Anja	CULLEN, Roy
LINTNER, Eduard	DÍAZ DELGADO, Blanca Judith
LLOYD, Tony	GONZÁLEZ-MORFÍN, José
LUNDGREN, Kerstin	VILNAI, Matan
MAISSEN, Theo	
MARGELOV, Mikhail	
MARKOVIĆ, Milica	
MARQUET, Bernard	
MARTINS, Alberto / Martins, Maximiano	
MARTY, Dick	
MEALE, Alan	