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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 Tuesday 28 January 2025

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday 28 January 2025, with first Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Martin Graf (Austria, ECPA) in the chair, as regards:

- **Tuesday 28 January 2025 from 8:30 to 10:00**

- **Composition of the Bureau of the committee:**

- re-elected, by acclamation, Ms Heike Engelhardt (Germany, SOC) Chairperson;
- elected, by acclamation, Mr Martin Graf (Austria, ECPA) 3rd Vice-Chairperson;

- **Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia:** appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) rapporteur for opinion;

- **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings:** considered an information memorandum prepared by the Secretariat and approved proposals for the Bureau of the Assembly;

- **Strengthening ethics and integrity in Parliaments:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Estelle Martin, Ethics Officer of the Council of Europe;

- **Work programme:**

- took note of the work programme;
- took note of the interest expressed by Mr Christophe Brico (Monaco, EPP/CD) in becoming a general rapporteur on Budget and intergovernmental programme;

- **Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly:** considered an information note prepared by the Secretariat;

- **Tuesday 28 January 2025 from 14:00 to 15:30**

- **Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Georgia** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC): heard from the rapporteur a declaration on the absence of any conflict of interest, considered a report by the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), and approved an opinion to the draft resolution;

- **Respect for the rule of law and fight against corruption within the Council of Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Other business:**

- took note of the call for nominations for the 2025 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize and of the deadline of 30 April 2025 for the submission of nominations;
 - took note of the round table to be held in London on 31 March 2025 on the topic “Strengthening ethics and integrity in Parliaments”, decided to set up an ad hoc-sub-committee of the committee to participate in the event and invited members to let the secretariat know if they would like to attend;
 - took note of a request to examine issues relating to the criteria for appointment of Assembly Vice-Presidents and chairs and vice-chairs of committees and sub-committees in the context of the report on the modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s rules of procedure (rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE);
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, on 19 March 2025.

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