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To the members of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Limassol, Cyprus, on 13 - 14 November 2025

The **Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities**, meeting in Limassol, Cyprus, on 13 - 14 November 2025, with Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson, in the chair, and with the participation of Mr Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the House of Representatives on Institutions, Merit and the Ombudsman of Cyprus, and Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly:

- **on Thursday 13 November 2025**, as regards:
 - **heard welcome addresses by:**
 - H.E. Ms Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives
 - Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Chairperson of the Cyprus Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Ms Stella Kyriakides, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and former EU Commissioner of Health and Food Safety
 - Ms Maria Stylianou-Lottides, Commissioner for Administration and the Protection for Human Rights (Ombudsman)
 - ***Development of a code of conduct for interest representatives at the Parliamentary Assembly*** (*rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - ***Declarations of interest***: considered the revised declaration of interest form, prepared by the Secretariat under the instructions of the General Rapporteur on ethical standards and anti-corruption, Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
 - ***Guidance on declaring, identifying and managing interests***: considered the draft guidance on declaring, identifying and managing interests, prepared by the Secretariat under the instructions of the General Rapporteur on ethical standards and anti-corruption, Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
 - ***Increasing members' active participation in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly*** (*rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): considered and approved amendments proposed by the rapporteur to the draft resolution, with a view to tabling them as committee amendments (Rule 34.1);
 - ***Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure*** (*rapporteur: Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA*): considered and approved an amendment proposed by the rapporteur to the draft resolution, with a view to tabling it as a committee amendment (Rule 34.1);
 - ***Request to share a committee document with a named individual***: considered the request by Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, ECPA) to have access to a committee document (AS/Rul(2025)09) and decided to agree to this;

- **Follow up to the 4th round of GRECO recommendations relating to parliamentarians** (*rapporteur: Mr Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC*): considered an information note on the Follow up to the 4th round of GRECO recommendations relating to parliamentarians and held a hearing on responding to GRECO recommendations, with examples from member states, with the participation of:
 - Mr Charalambos Athanasiou, former Vice President and current Member of the Special Permanent Committee on Parliamentary Ethics of the Hellenic parliament
 - Mr Demetris Demetriou, Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the House of Representatives on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner for Administration
 - Ms Arusyak Julhakyán, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the National Assembly of Armenia
 - Ms Alexia Kalispera, Head of the Cyprus Delegation to GRECO and Member of the Bureau of GRECO
 - Mr Mile Lefkov, Head of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Mandatory-Immunity Issues of the National Assembly of North Macedonia
 - Mr Vaso Obradović, Member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Parliament of Montenegro
- **Work programme**: took note of the work programme;
- **Next meetings**: took note of the meeting to be held in 2025 as follows: 12 December 2025, Paris (morning only);

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- **on Friday 14 November 2025**, in the framework of the project “Strengthening ethics and integrity in parliaments”, members of the Committee participated in a **Round table on Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments**, co-chaired by the Chairperson of the Assembly’s Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities, Mr Constantinós Efsthíou, and by the Chairperson of the House of Representatives on Institutions, Merit and the Ombudsman of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Demetriou, with the participation of:
 - Ms Nina Chanturia, OSCE/ODIHR Associate Democratic Governance Officer and ODIHR Anti-Corruption Focal Point
 - Mr Jean-Eric Gicquel, former ethics officer of the French National Assembly (online)
 - Mr Daniel Greenberg CB, Commissioner for Standards of the House of Commons, United Kingdom Parliament (online)
 - Ms Arusyak Julhakyán, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the National Assembly of Armenia
 - Mr Mile Lefkov, Head of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Mandatory-Immunity Issues of the National Assembly of North Macedonia
 - Mr Vaso Obradović, Member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Parliament of Montenegro
 - Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament and PACE General Rapporteur on ethical standards and anti-corruption
 - Ms Gerda Vrielink, Programme Director Social Safety in the Parliament of the Netherlands

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