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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 2 March 2026

The **Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities**, meeting in Paris, on 2 March 2026, with Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Joint hearing on *Parliaments and Interest Representatives: Regulating Third-Party Contacts*** in the framework of the preparation of reports on: **Development of a code of conduct for interest of representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)*) and **Follow-up to the 4th round of GRECO recommendations relating to parliamentarians** (*Rapporteur: Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC)*): held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Mr Raj Chari - professor of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin (*online*);
  - Mr Christian Heyer - Deputy Director General and Head of the Legal Department in the administration of the German Parliament;
  - Mr Jon Vrushi - Thematic Lead on Political Integrity, Transparency International;
- ***Streamlining of the Rules of Procedure***: heard a presentation by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, considered a memorandum and agreed to the further work envisaged;
- ***Work programme***:
  - took note of the work programme;
  - appointed Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) as rapporteur on “*Modification of various provisions of the Rules of Procedures*”, subject to updating his declaration of interests to include this role within the deadline;
- ***Replies by the Committee of Ministers***: considered the Committee of Ministers reply to Recommendation 2293 (2025) “*Respect for the rule of law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe*” and took note of the Rapporteur’s comments;
- ***Other business***:
  - took note of the call for nominations for the 2026 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize and of the deadline of 30 April 2026 for the submission of nominations;
  - took note of the recent references from the Bureau concerning (i) petitions to the Assembly; and (ii) The need for accountability of Council of Europe high ranking officials elected by the Parliamentary Assembly and increased integrity standards for the Organisation;
- ***Next meeting***: decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, on 20 – 24 April 2026.

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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  
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