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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 Wednesday 19 March 2025

The Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday 19 March 2025, with Ms Heike Engelhardt (Germany, SOC) in the chair, as regards:

- Respect for the rule of law and the fight against corruption within the Council of Europe (rapporteur : Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC): considered a draft report and adopted, unanimously, a draft resolution and of a draft recommendation, and decided to establish a General Rapporteur on anti-corruption and ethical standards and to consider its draft terms of reference at a forthcoming meeting;
- Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure (rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE): considered a draft report and adopted, unanimously, a draft resolution;
- Previously ratified credentials of a national delegation whose members have all subsequently resigned: interpretation of Rules 6 and 9 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure: agreed a memorandum and asked the Chair of the committee to transmit it to the Bureau of the Assembly;
- Free movement of representatives to the Parliamentary Assembly and their substitutes to and from the place of meeting (rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and approved the sending of a letter at a future date, in the framework of his mandate;
- **Strengthening ethics and integrity in Parliaments: the Monegasque example:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Jean-Baptiste Perrier, Ethics officer of the National Council of Monaco;
- Round Table on Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments (31 March 2025, London): took note of the list of members of the *ad hoc* sub-committee to participate in the Round Table and approved Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)'s request to be added to the list (Appendix 1);
- Work programme:
 - took note of the work programme;
 - appointed Mr Christophe Brico (Monaco, EPP/CD) as General Rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme and heard his statement of an absence of conflict of interests;
- **Other business:** took note of the deadline of 30 April 2025 for submitting nominations for the 2025 edition of the Assembly's Václav Havel Human Rights Prize;
- Next meeting: decided to hold its next meeting in Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2nd part-session, 7-11 April 2025.

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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

Appendix 1 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee to participate in the Round Table on *Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Parliaments*, London, 31 March 2025

Ms/Mme Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC) Mr/M. Christophe BRICO (Monaco, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) Ms/Mme Laura CASTEL (Spain, UEL / Espagne, GUE) Mr/M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC) Mr/M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, ECPA / Ukraine, CEPA) Mr/M. Martin GRAF (Austria, ECPA / Autriche, CEPA) Mr/M. Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC) Ms/Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE) Mr/M. Max LUCKS (Germany, SOC / Allemagne, SOC) Ms/Mme Catia POLIDORI (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC) Mr/M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC) Mr/M. Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC / Allemagne, SOC)