PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
OF THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
1997 Session

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

for the first part of the 1997 Ordinary Session

(27 - 31 January 1997)

adopted by the Assembly on 27 January 1997

All debates will be organised, in accordance with Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure, on the same basis as during the first part of the 1997 Session (June 1996) (see Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, pp. 88 - 92)

Monday 27 January 1997

8 a.m.	Ad hoc Committee of the Chairpersons of Political Groups
8.45 a.m.	Bureau of the Assembly
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Political groups
3 p.m.	**Opening of the first part of the 1997 Ordinary Session** *(oldest member in the chair: Mr Ehrmann, France, EPP)*

a. Examination of credentials (Doc. 7739)
b. Election of the President of the Assembly
c. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
d. Decision on two requests for urgent debates on:

i. Situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
ii. Honouring of the commitment entered into by Russia and Ukraine upon accession to the Council of Europe in regard to a moratorium on the execution of death sentences

e. Adoption of the Order of Business
f. Appointment of members of committees

1. Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (Doc. 7699)
Rapporteur: M. Antretter (Germany, SOC)

Debate

4 p.m. **2. Address by Mr Tiit Vähi, Prime Minister of Estonia**

Questions

3. Committee Structure of the Assembly (Doc. 7723)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure
Mr Laakso (Finland, UEL)

Debate and **vote**

7 p.m. End of the sitting

At the end of the sitting Reconstitution of committees (election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons)

Tuesday 28 January 1997

8.30 a.m. Committees

10 a.m.

1. **Intergovernmental Conference (CIG) of the European Union (Doc. 7721)**
   Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee:
   Mr Masseret (France, SOC)

2. **Implications for Europe of an Economic and Monetary Union (Doc. 7711)**
   Rapporteurs of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development:
   Mr Elo (Finland, SOC) and Mr Townend (United Kingdom, EDG)
   Rapporteur of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, for opinion (Doc.): Mr Gusenbauer (Austria, SOC)

Joint debate

12 h

3. **Address by Mr Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission**

Questions

1 p.m. End of the sitting

2 p.m. Committees

3 p.m.

1. **Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Assembly (Doc. 7736) presented by Ms Tarja Halonen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman-in-office of the Committee of Ministers**

- Parliamentary questions for oral answer (Doc. 7742)

Questions must be tabled at the latest on Monday 27 January 1997 at 3pm

2. **Intergovernmental Conference (CIG) of the European Union (Doc. 7721) (continued)**
   Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee:
   Mr Masseret (France, SOC)

3. **Implications for Europe of an Economic and Monetary Union (Doc. 7711) (continued)**
   Rapporteurs of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development:
   Mr Elo (Finland, SOC) and Mr Townend (United Kingdom, EDG)
   Rapporteur of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, for opinion (Doc.):
   Mr Gusenbauer (Austria, SOC)

Joint debate (resumed) and **vote**

4. **Nuclear safety in countries of central and eastern Europe (Doc. 7714)**

   Rapporteur of the Committee on Science and Technology:
   Mr Birraux (France, EPP)

Debate and **vote**

8 p.m. End of the sitting

Wednesday 29 January 1997

8.30 a.m. Political groups

10 a.m.

1. **Situation in Cyprus (Doc. 7717)**
   Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee: Mr Bársony (Hungary, SOC)
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, for opinion (Doc.): Mr Jurgens (Netherlands, SOC)

Debate and **vote**

around midday

2. **Situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Doc.) (Urgent debate)**
   Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee : N...

Debate

1 p.m. End of sitting

2 p.m. Committees

3 p.m.

1. **Situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Doc.) (Urgent debate) (continued)**
   Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee : N...

Debate (resumed) and **vote**

2. **Honouring of the commitment entered into by Russia upon accession to the Council of Europe to put into place a moratorium on the execution of death sentences (Doc.) (Urgent debate)**
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mrs. Wohlwend, (Liechtenstein, EPP)

3. **Honouring of the commitment entered into by Ukraine upon accession to the Council of Europe to put into place a moratorium on the execution of death sentences (Doc.) (Urgent debate)**

   Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mrs. Wohlwend, (Liechtenstein, EPP)

Joint debate and **vote**

4. Honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania (Doc. 7716)

   Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:
   Mr Columberg (Switzerland, EPP)
   Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee, for opinion (Doc. 7738): Mr Van der Linden (Netherlands, EPP)
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries, for opinion (Doc.): Mr Ruffy (Switzerland, SOC)

Debate and **vote**

5. **Setting up of an Assembly committee on the honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) (Doc. 7722)**
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure:
   Mrs Lentz-Cornette (Luxembourg, EPP)

Debate and **vote**

8.00 pm End of sitting

Thursday 30 January 1997

8.30 a.m. Committees

10 a.m.

1. Implementation of the Dayton Agreements for peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Doc. 7733)
Rapporteurs of the Political Affairs Committee:
Mr Bloetzer (Switzerland, EPP) and Mr van der Linden (Netherlands, EPP)

Intervention by Mr Robert Frowick, Head of the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Debate and **vote**

12 noon

2. Address by Mr Javier Solana, Secretary General of NATO

Questions

1 p.m. End of the sitting

2 p.m. Committees

3 p.m.

1. Honouring of obligations and commitments by Estonia (Doc. 7715)

Rapporteur of Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:
Mr Bindig (Germany, SOC)
Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee, for opinion (Doc.7730):
Mr Björck (Sweden, EDG)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Relations with European Non-Member Countries, for opinion (Doc.): Ms Poptodorova (Bulgaria, SOC)

Debate and **vote**

2. New technologies and employment (Doc. 7713)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Science and Technology:
Mr Beaufays (Belgium, EPP)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, for opinion (Doc.): Mr Bloetzer (Switzerland, EPP)
Rapporteur of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, for opinion (Doc. 7727): Baroness Hooper (United Kingdom, EDG)

Debate and **vote**

6.30 p.m. End of the sitting

6.30 p.m. **Joint Committee**

Friday 31 January 1997

8 a.m. Bureau of the Assembly and Committees

10 a.m. **1. Opinion to the Committe of Ministers on the draft European Convention on Nationality (Doc. 7718)**

Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:
Mr Fogaš (Slovakia, SOC)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography, for opinion (Doc. 7719): Ms Aguiar (Portugal, LDR)

Debate and **vote**

2. Minimum age for voting (Doc. 7724)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture and Education:
Mr Kollwelter (Luxembourg, SOC)

Debate and **vote**

3. Appointment of members of the Standing Committee

2 p.m. **Closure of the first part of the 1997 session**

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