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Draft Order of Business

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Second part of the 1998 Ordinary Session

From 20/04/98 to 24/04/98

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 1998 Session (January 1998)
(see Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, pp. 88-92)

MONDAY 20 APRIL 1998

08:30 Bureau of the Assembly

10:00 Political Groups

14:00 Committees

15:00 **1. Opening of the second part of the 1998 Ordinary Session**

Address by Mr Radu Vasile, Prime Minister of Romania

a. Examination of new credentials (Doc. 8073)
b. Changes in the membership of committees
c. Requests for urgent debate on :
- the latest developments in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the situation in Kosovo;
- the situation of the Kurdish minority in Turkey;
- the violations of human rights in the Republic of Latvia.
d. Adoption of the Order of Business

2. Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (Doc. 8058)

Rapporteur: Mrs Josette Durrieu (France, SOC)

Addendum I: Ad Hoc Committee of Chairmen of Political Groups-Visit to Belgrade and Pristina, 12-14 March 1998
Addendum II: Information report on the parliamentary elections in Moldova (22 March 1998);
Addendum III: Information report on the parliamentary elections in Ukraine (29 March 1998);
Addendum IV: Information report on the presidential elections in Armenia (16 and 30 March 1998)

Debate

3. Democratic functioning of parliaments (Doc. 7961)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Parliamentary and Public Relations: Mr Hans Helmut Moser (Austria, LDR)

Debate and vote

18:30 End of the sitting

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 1998

08:30 Committees

10:00 **1. Relations with the European Union: Follow-up to the Amsterdam Summit (Doc. 8051)**

Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee: Mr Eisso Woltjer (Netherlands, SOC)

Debate and vote

12:00 **2. Speech by Mr Ivan Kostov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria**

Questions

3. Election of judges to the new European Court of Human Rights (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) (Doc. 8060)

13:00 End of the sitting

14:00 Committees

15:00 **1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Assembly (Doc. 8067) presented by Mr Helmut Schäfer, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Germany on behalf of the Chairman-in-office of the Committee of Ministers**

Questions

(Questions must be tabled at the latest on Monday 20 April 1998 at 3 p.m.)

2. Progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedures (April 1997-April 1998) (Doc. 8057)

Rapporteur of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee): Mr Guido de Marco (Malta, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote

18:30 End of the sitting

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 1998

08:30 Political Groups

10:00 **1. Reform of the United Nations (Doc. 8052)**

Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee: Mrs Hanne Severinsen (Denmark, LDR)

Debate and vote

2. (Possibly) 2nd round of the election of judges to the new European Court of Human Rights (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

13:00 End of the sitting

14:00 Committees

Debate role Kosovo

15:00 **1. Abuse and neglect of children (Doc. 8041)**

Rapporteur of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee: Mr Nicolas About (France, LDR)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, for opinion: Mrs Ivana Plechata (Czech Republic, EDG) (Doc.)

Debate and vote

2. Dangers of asbestos for workers and the environment (Doc. 8015)

Rapporteur of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee: Mr Tom Cox (United Kingdom, SOC)
Rapporteur of the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities, for opinion: Mr Mario Onaindia (Spain, SOC) (Doc.)

Debate and vote

20:00 End of the sitting

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 1998

08:30 Committees

10:00 **1. Activities of the International Organization for migration (IOM) 1994-1997 (Doc. 8053)**

Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography: Mrs Manuela Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD)

Intervention by Mr James N. Purcell Jr, Director General of the IOM

2. Palestine refugee situation in the context of the Middle-East peace process (Doc. 8042)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Demography: Mr David Atkinson (United-Kingdom, EDG)

Joint debate and vote

13:00 End of the sitting

14:00 Committees

15:00 **1. (Possibly) Urgent debate**

2. Opinion on the draft Convention of the Council of Europe (Doc. 7883) on the protection of the environment through criminal law (Doc. 8056)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)
Rapporteur of the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities, for opinion: Mr Tonu Reid Kukk (Estonia, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote

18:30 End of the sitting

Joint Committee

FRIDAY 24 APRIL 1998

08:00 Bureau of the Assembly

08:30 Committees

10:00 **1. Radioactive waste management (Doc. 8054)**

Rapporteur of the Committee on Science and Technology: Mr Jozef Prokes (Slovakia, NR)
Rapporteur of the Committee on the Environment, Regional Planning and Local Authorities, for opinion: Mr Paul Staes (Belgium, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote

2. Japanese economy in the South-East Asian and world context (Doc. 8043)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development: Mr Walter Schwimmer (Austria, EPP/CD)

Debate and vote

13:30 End of the sitting

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In accordance with the previsions on organisation of debates (see Rules of Procedure page 90, paragraph 6), the deadline for tabling amendments is as follows:

- for debates on Monday 20 April afternoon: Monday 20 April at noon;
- for debates on Tuesday 21 April: Monday 20 April at 4 p.m.;
- for all other debates: 24 hours before the opening of the sitting at which the debate will begin.

It is recalled that the list of speakers for a debate shall be closed one hour before the close of the scheduled previous sitting, and the list for the first sitting of the part-session shall be closed two hours before the opening of that sitting.