



EURONEST PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

DECISION on confirmation of the creation of two Working Groups of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly

The Euronest Parliamentary Assembly,
meeting in Brussels on 3 May 2011,

Having regard to its Rules of Procedure as adopted on 3 May 2011, and in particular Art. 26.1;

Having regard to the preparatory work which was undertaken by the representatives of both components of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly with a view to set the Assembly up;

Whereas the fully-fledged participation in the work of the Assembly of all the Eastern Partners is a common wish of the Delegations having taken part in the Assembly's constituent meeting

Whereas the Rules of Procedure of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly are a document of great importance for the smooth and efficient start-up of the multi-lateral parliamentary work and with regard to the interest of ensuring a continuous review and improvement of them, in parallel with gradually acquiring experience as a new Institution ;

Having taken note of the decision of the Bureau

DECIDES TO CONFIRM

1. The following two working groups are set up:
 - Working Group on Belarus;
 - Working Group on the Rules of Procedure.

Each of the working groups is composed of 10 Members, 5 from the Eastern Partners' component and 5 from the European Parliament.

The list of members of each working group, with the indication of the Chairpersons, is attached to the present decision.¹

2. The working group on Belarus is initially established for one year. Its term might be prolonged by a decision of the Assembly, upon a proposal of the Bureau.
3. The working group on Belarus will specifically study and make proposals on which way the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly might contribute to the fulfilment by Belarus of the membership criteria as described in Article 3 of the Constituent Act, in order for the Assembly to be able to welcome the Belarusian Delegation in due course. For this purpose, the working group may take contacts with the Institutions of Belarus, with the civil society of the country, with the other EU Institutions, with the EU Member States and other concerned players; the working group may hold hearings and organise visits to the country, in agreement with the Bureau; the working group should particularly follow the preparation of Belarusian legislative elections foreseen in 2012 and seek the most appropriate way, always in agreement with the Bureau, to contribute to possible international election observation exercises.
4. The working group on Belarus will report in writing to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly.
5. The working group on the Rules of Procedure is initially established for one year.² Its term might be prolonged by a decision of the Assembly, upon a proposal of the Bureau.
6. The working group on the Rules of Procedure will continuously review the content of the Rules in the light of their implementation as the Assembly and its bodies gradually acquire experience and as the contributions from the Assembly's various delegations might require.
7. The working group on the Rules of Procedure will address, among other issues, the question of the implementation of Article 4.6 of the Rules of Procedure.
8. The working group on the Rules of Procedure can make written proposals to the Bureau with a view to stimulate, as appropriate, the procedure of amendment of the Rules of Procedure mentioned in Article 31 of the latter, with the purpose to make the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly a well-integrated joint parliamentary assembly, in the interest of the strengthening of the Eastern Partnership.

Brussels, 3 May 2011

¹ The list of Members of the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure will be attached at a further stage.

² The Euronest PA entrusts the Bureau to decide on a rotation system for the Eastern Partners' co-chairmanship of this working group.