



26 April 2018

## Report of the independent investigation body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly

### Findings on the individual behaviour of PACE members and former members

#### Decision of the committee

Further to the decisions made by the Committee on Rules of Procedure on 24 April 2018 on the follow-up to the recommendations and conclusions of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly (IBAC) relating to the individual behaviour of Assembly's members mentioned in its report, and pursuant to the procedure provided for in the Code of conduct of members of the Parliamentary Assembly (paragraphs 20 et seq.), the Committee on Rules of Procedure will hold a series of hearings in order to hear PACE members concerned.

#### First hearing – Wednesday 25 April (6-10.30 pm)

1. The Committee on Rules of Procedure held its first hearing and invited the following members to attend: Mr Tiny Kox, Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Mr Stefan Schennach, Mr Samad Seyidov.
2. The committee heard all four members (in alphabetical order).
  - *Case of Mr Tiny Kox*
3. In accordance with paragraph 23 of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly,<sup>1</sup> the committee has found that Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) has not failed to comply with the provisions of the Code of conduct by not responding to a IBAC's request for the submission of a written statement.
  - *Case of Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten*
4. In accordance with paragraph 23 of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly,<sup>1</sup> the committee has found that Ms Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) has not failed to comply with the provisions of the Code of conduct by not responding to a IBAC's request for the submission of a written statement.
  - *Case of Mr Stefan Schennach*
5. In accordance with paragraph 24 of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly,<sup>2</sup> the committee has found with regard to Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) that there has been a minor violation of the code of conduct by not complying with the provisions of paragraph 1.1.4 of the Code of conduct for rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly ("undertaking to refrain from any act which may cast doubt on their neutrality").

<sup>1</sup> Paragraph 23 of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly: "If the committee finds that the allegations have no basis, it will inform the complainants and the member concerned".

<sup>2</sup> Paragraph 24 of the Code of conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly: "If the committee finds that there has been a minor violation of the code of conduct, owing to negligence for example, it will inform the member concerned and ask him or her to take the necessary steps. The committee shall decide whether the decision shall be published on the Assembly's website".

– *Case of Mr Samad Seyidov*

6. The committee decided to postpone its decision to its next meeting.