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**MEETING OF THE BUREAU
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REPRÉSENTANT SPÉCIAL
POUR LES AFFAIRES
MÉDITERRANÉENNES

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Projet d'intervention de M. Pascal ALLIZARD,

Mr Chair,

Dear Colleagues,

Reforms are always necessary and in the case of our assembly, I can safely say that they are long overdue. Everyone should keep in mind that change is not a process, it becomes an event. And I am not in favour of revolution or brutal changes.

There is indeed a need for a change in our working practices, especially in connection with meetings of our assembly. I totally agree with our president Lord Bowness and I deem that there is a “*capability for improvement*”. The crisis we are now encountering should make us even more acutely aware of the necessary improvements.

1. *Supplementary items*

I think we should change the rules related to supplementary items. I will be bold and propose the elimination of supplementary items altogether. Why? Because most of the time, the supplementary items are irrelevant i.e.

inconsistent with the general topic debated and therefore, inconsistent with the general declaration. Supplementary items should be replaced by amendments to the general declaration.

2. General declaration

I agree with the idea that the general declaration should be made in a way that increases its impact. First of all, it should be shorter. Minority positions should be mentioned.

3. Reverting to security topics

We should revert to our core business - security - and I think that next to the debate on the general declaration, there should always be a debate on a current security topic – chosen by the Bureau.

4. Hearing experts not listening to them

We should engage in more robust parliamentary work and this leads to having proper hearings. We should hear experts in committees for instance and not give the floor to them in plenary sessions or else we will always run out of time for a real debate.

All these proposals have been made before and discussed but we have let them rest too long. It is high time we reformed our parliamentary practice to make it more relevant and punchier.

Thank you.