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## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Revised draft agenda 3

of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, room 9, on:

- . Monday 23 January 2017, 14:00 – 15:00
- . Tuesday 24 January 2017, 8:30 – 10:00
- . Tuesday 24 January 2017, 14:00 – 15:30
- . Wednesday 25 January 2017, 14:00 – 15:30 (Sub-Committees)
- . Thursday 26 January 2017, 8:30 – 10:00

#### Monday, 23 January 2017, 14:00 – 15:00, room 9

1. **Opening of the meeting by the oldest member present**
2. **Election of the Bureau of the Committee**  
[List of the members of the Committee]  
  
.Election of the Chairperson  
.Election of the Vice-Chairpersons
3. **Agenda**  
[AS/Pol (2017) OJ 01rev3]  
  
Adoption of the agenda
4. **Minutes**  
[AS/Pol (2016) PV 09]  
  
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held Paris on 15 December 2016
5. **The humanitarian crisis in Gaza**  
*Rapporteur for opinion: Lord Donald Anderson, United Kingdom, SOC*  
[Doc. 14224, AS/Pol (2017) 01]  
  
Consideration and approval of the Committee's opinion
6. **The political transition in Egypt**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE*  
[AS/Pol/Inf (2016) 21, [Press release 07.12.2016](#)]  
  
.Statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Cairo from 5 to 7 December 2016  
  
.Exchange of views with Mr Anwar El Sadat, member of the Egyptian House of Representatives

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is the convocation to the meeting**

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(restricted area for national delegations): <http://assembly.coe.int/extranet>.

## 7. Constitution of Sub-Committees

### **Tuesday, 24 January 2017, 08:30 – 10:00, room 9**

#### **8. Fight against terrorism: follow-up to texts adopted in 2016**

[[Res 2091 \(2016\)](#), [Rec 2084 \(2016\)](#), [reply of CM \(Doc. 14121\)](#), [Res 2090 \(2016\)](#), [Res 2113 \(2016\)](#), AS/Pol/Inf(2016)17, Press releases [09.01.2017](#), [01.01.2017](#), [20.12.2016](#), [19.12.2016](#), [17.12.2016](#)]

Exchange of views with Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

#### **9. The situation in Belarus**

*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*

[Press releases [29.11.2016](#) and [04.01.2017](#)]

Hearing with the participation of:

.Mr Andrei Naumovich, Head of the Standing Committee on Human rights, National relations and Media

.Ms Anna Kanopatskaya, Member of the Standing Committee on Economic policy

. Mr Valiantsin Stefanovic, Deputy Chairperson of the Human Rights Center Viasna

#### **10. The political transition in Tunisia**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL*

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Consideration of an outline for report

#### **11. Open discussion on current issues**

- Recent developments in Turkey  
[[AS/Pol \(2016\) 18rev](#), [Press release 13.01.2017](#)]
- Other current issues

### **Tuesday, 24 January 2017, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9**

#### **12. The situation in Syria: follow-up to Resolutions 1878 (2012) and 2138 (2016)**

[[Res 1878 \(2012\)](#), [Res 2138 \(2016\)](#), [Res 2096 \(2016\)](#)]

Exchange of views with the participation of:

.Mr Salam Kawakibi, Deputy Director, Arab Reform Initiative

.Mr Ziad Majed, Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Paris

#### **13. The situation in Kosovo<sup>\*</sup> and the role of the Council of Europe: follow-up to Resolution 2094 (2016)**

*Former Rapporteur: Mr Agustín Conde, Spain, EPP/CD*

[[Res 2094 \(2016\)](#), Extracts of Doc. 14150]

.Statement by the Chairperson

.Exchange of views

#### **14. Work programme**

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- Invitation to hold a meeting of the Committee in Denmark in 2017

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<sup>\*</sup> All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- Parliamentary conference on “Combatting international terrorism”, organised by the CIS Assembly and the OSCE Assembly, 27-28 March 2017, Saint Petersburg [Invitation]
- Call for candidates [AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 01]
  - The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017
- Appointment of the institutional representatives of the Committee
  - Council for democratic elections of the Venice Commission
  - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

**15. Composition of the Sub-Committees**

[Lists of candidates]

Approval of the composition of the Sub-Committees

**Wednesday, 25 January 2017, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9**

14:00-14:30 Reconstitution meeting of the Sub-committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

14:30-15:00 Reconstitution meeting of the Sub-committee on External Relations

15:00-15:30 Reconstitution meeting of the Sub-committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD

(separate draft agendas)

**Thursday, 26 January 2017, 8:30 – 10:00, room 9**

**16. Setting minimal standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections**

*Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD*

[[Doc. 14072](#), [Res 1897 \(2012\)](#), [Res 1705 \(2010\)](#), [Rec 1898 \(2010\)](#), [reply of CM \(Doc. 12366\)](#)]

Exchange of views with the participation of:

.Mr Michael Krennerich, Chair in Human Rights and Human Rights Politics at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

.Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

**17. The situation in Lebanon and challenges for regional stability and European security**

*Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD*

[[Doc. 14226](#), Amendments]

Consideration of the amendments to the draft resolution

*Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 25 January 2017, 16:00*

*Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 26 January 2017, 15:30*

**18. Appointment of Rapporteur**

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The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017

**19. Composition of the Sub-Committees**

[Revised lists of candidates]

Possible modifications of the composition of the Sub-Committees

**20. Authorisations by the Committee**

**21. Other business**

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2017: call for nominations

[\[Press release\]](#)

**22. Next meetings**

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1<sup>st</sup> part-session, 23-27 January 2017
- 6 March 2017, Paris
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session, 24-28 April 2017
- 22 May 2017, Paris or 14-15 June 2017, Bornholm Island, Denmark
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session, 26-30 June 2017
- 6 September 2017, Paris
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session, 9-13 October 2017
- 14 November 2017, Paris or 22 November 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 14 December 2017, Paris