AS/Pol (2017) OJ 03rev3
24 April 2017
Apoj03rev3_17

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda 3

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

   . Monday 24 April 2017, 14:00 – 15:00, room 9
   . Tuesday 25 April 2017, 09:00 – 10:00, room 1
   . Tuesday 25 April 2017, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9
   . Wednesday 26 April 2017, 14:30 – 15:30, room 9
   . Thursday 27 April 2017, 08:30 – 10:00, room 9
   . Thursday 27 April 2017, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9

Please also note the meeting of the **Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD Wednesday, 26 April 2017, 14:00 – 14:30, room 9** (separate draft agenda)

Monday 24 April 2017, 14:00 – 15:00, room 9

1. **Agenda**
    [AS/Pol (2017) OJ 03rev2]

    Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**
    [AS/Pol (2017) PV 02]

    Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 6 March 2017

3. **Debate under urgent procedure: Alarming developments in Hungary: A new NGO law restricting civil society and the closure of an international university**

    Appointment of a Rapporteur

4. **Open discussion on current issues**

    - Turkey
      [Press release PACE 17.04.2017, Press release by the Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the PACE, Press release PACE 19.04.2017, CDL-AD(2017)007 opinion of the Venice Commission with respect to freedom of the media in Turkey, Press release Secretary General of the Council of Europe 12.03.2017]

This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee and their alternates, is the convocation to the meeting

Copy to Secretaries of delegations and political groups

Meeting documents will be published on the Parliamentary Assembly extranet website
(restricted access): http://assembly.coe.int/extranet.

- Political consequences of the new Israeli Settlement Regulation Law

  Exchange of views with the participation of:

  - Mr Majed Bamya, First Counsellor, Palestinian Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations, New York
  - …

5. **Call for candidates**

    A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe (for opinion) [Doc. 14005]

Tuesday 25 April 2017, 09:00 – 10:00, room 1

6. **Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh**
    [AS/Pol (2016) 12, AS/Jur (2017) 07]

    .Joint hearing (open to the public tbc) with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, with the participation of:

    - Ms Nadia Murad, Yazidi survivor of ISIS, winner of the 2016 PACE Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize (via video link)
    - Ms Ewelina Ochab, legal researcher, PhD scholar, University of Kent, United Kingdom
    - Mr Geoffrey Robertson QC, author of "Crimes Against Humanity; The struggle for global justice" (Penguin, New Press), Former President of the UN War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone, Founder and co-head of Doughty Street Chambers, London

Tuesday 25 April 2017, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9

7. **Debate under urgent procedure: Alarming developments in Hungary: A new NGO law restricting civil society and the closure of an international university**

    Consideration of a draft report and vote on a preliminary draft resolution and/or on a preliminary draft recommendation

8. **The political transition in Tunisia**
    Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL
    [AS/Pol (2017) 09, AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 08]

    Consideration of a draft report and vote on a preliminary draft resolution and on a preliminary draft recommendation

Wednesday 26 April 2017, 14:00 – 14:30, room 9

Sub-Committee on relations with the OECD and the EBRD
separate draft agenda

Wednesday 26 April 2017, 14:30 – 15:30, room 9

9. **The situation in Belarus**
    Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE
    [AS/Pol (2017) 11, AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 07, Press releases 04.01.2017 and 27.03.2017]

    Consideration of a draft report and vote on a preliminary draft resolution and on a preliminary draft recommendation

10. Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress
Rapporteur: Mr Michele Nicoletti, Italy, SOC
[AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 09, Programme GRECO 5th Evaluation Round, AS/Pol (2017) 10]

Statement by the Rapporteur on his participation in the 5th Evaluation Round of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) on *Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies*, Strasbourg, 20 March 2017

(4.) Open discussion on current issues (continued)

- Syria
  [Res 2138 (2016), Rec 2096 (2016)]

- Jordan
  [Press release PACE President 04.03.2017]

- Egypt
  [Press release PACE President 09.04.2017, Res 2016 (2014), Rec 2055 (2014), CM reply Doc. 13789]

- Other current issues

Thursday 27 April 2017, 08:30 – 10:00, room 9

11. Debate under urgent procedure: Alarming developments in Hungary: A new NGO law restricting civil society and the closure of an international university

Consideration of the amendments to the draft resolution and/or to the draft recommendation

Deadline for tabling amendments: Wednesday 26 April 2017, 10:30
Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 27 April 27, 10:00

12. The activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Rapporteur: Mr Hendrik Daems, Belgium, ALDE

Statement by the Rapporteur

13. *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the events organised by the IPA-CIS
Saint Petersburg, 27-28 March 2017
[AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 11]

Statement by the Chairperson

14. *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the International Conference on *The interaction between the political majority and the opposition in a democracy*, organised by the Venice Commission in co-operation with the Presidency of Romania
Bucharest, Romania, 6-7 April 2017

Exchange of views

15. Institutional representation of the Committee

- Statement by Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC) on her participation in the 58th meeting of the Council for democratic elections of the Venice Commission, Venice, 9 March 2017

- Statement by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) on his participation in the 72nd plenary meeting of the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Strasbourg, 22-24 March 2017

16. Work programme
[AS/Pol (2017) WP 03, AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 01rev2]

- **Consultation of the Committee on possible follow-up**

  Illegal elections in the occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and in the city of Sebastopol
  [Doc. 14188, Res 2132 (2016)]

- **Appointment of Rapporteurs**

  .The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries (for report)

  .Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh (for opinion) [Doc. 14167]

  .Counter-Narratives to Terrorism (for opinion) [Doc. 14032]

  .Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections (for opinion) [Doc. 14210]

  .A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe (for opinion) [Doc. 14005]

17. Appointment of Committee representatives to external events

18. Authorisations by the Committee

19. Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees

20. Other business

21. Next meetings

- 14-15 June 2017, Bornholm Island, Denmark
  [AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 04rev, AS/Pol/Inf (2017) 05rev, Participation form rev, Hotel forms]
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session, 26-30 June 2017
- 6 September 2017, Paris
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session, 9-13 October 2017
- 14 November 2017, Paris
- 14 December 2017, Paris

Thursday 27 April 2017, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9

22. 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, AS/Pol (2017) 07, Res 2111 (2016)]

Joint Hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, with the participation of:

.Prof. Dr Florian Grotz, Chair of Comparative Politics, Institute of Political Science, Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg

.Ms Marilisa D'Amico, Professor of constitutional law, University of Milan

.Ms Ana Rusu, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)