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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

for the meetings to be held in Strasbourg (Palais de l'Europe) on:

- Wednesday 26 April 2017 from 2-2.30pm (Room 10)
- [Wednesday 26 April 2017 from 2.30-3.30pm (Room 10) ¹]
- Thursday 27 April 2017 from 8.30-10am (Room 10)

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1. **Agenda**

[AS/Jur (2017) OJ 03 Rev 4]

2. **How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented?**

Rapporteur: Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Serbia, EPP/CD

[AS/Jur (2017) 11]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

3. **Towards a democratic approach to the issues of governance in European multinational States**

Rapporteur: Mr Alain Destexhe, Belgium, ALDE

[AS/Jur (2017) 06]

Statement by the Chair

4. **State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights**

Rapporteur: Mr Raphaël Comte, Switzerland, ALDE

[AS/Jur (2017) 09]

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

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[Wednesday 26 April 2017 from 2.30 - 3.30pm (for information)]

- **Sub-Committee on Human Rights – (Room 10)**

Thursday 27 April 2017 from 8.30-10am

5. **Sub-Committee on Human Rights**
[AS/Jur/DH (2017) OJ 03]

6. **Venice Commission's "Rule of Law Checklist"**
Rapporteur: Mr Philippe Mahoux, Belgium, SOC
[AS/Jur (2017) 08]

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Hearing from 9 - 9.40 am

7. **Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system (including Reference 4255 "New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member States")**
Rapporteur: Mr Bernd Fabritius, Germany, EPP/CD
[[AS/Jur (2015) 11]

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Ireneusz Kaminski, Chair of European and International Law, Professor of Law, Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

Mr Jean-Claude Scholsem, Venice Commission alternate member, Professor emeritus, University of Liège, Belgium

8. **Addressing the massive curtailment of democratic rights and freedoms in Israel, especially the "Transparency Law"/"NGO Law"**
[\[Doc. 14094\]](#)

Request of the Bureau to advise on any follow-up to be given to this motion

9. **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc**

Reports by the following representatives:

- The Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission), 9 March 2017: Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC)
- 110th plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 10-11 March 2017: Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC)
- 75th plenary meeting of GRECO, 20-24 March 2017: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

10. **Other business**

[\[http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/vaclav-havel-human-rights-prize\]](http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/vaclav-havel-human-rights-prize)
Letter from Commissioner Malmström
[Resolution 2151 \(2017\)](#)

- Letter from Commissioner Cecilia Malmström concerning the report on “Human Rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements” (Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD)

11. Next meetings

Plenary Committee:

- Belgrade, Serbia, 18-19 May 2017
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2017 (26-30 June 2017)
- Paris, 5 September 2017 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2017 (9-13 October 2017)
- Paris, 13 November 2017 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Paris, 12 December 2017 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE 2nd PART-SESSION:

Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

- Strasbourg, Tuesday 25 April 2017, 3.20-3.30pm (Room 10)

Sub-Committee on Human Rights

- Strasbourg, Wednesday 26 April 2017, 2.30-3.30pm (Room 10)