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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

[GREEN HIGHLIGHTING INDICATES CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE AGENDA]

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

- Monday 23 April 2018 from 2-3pm (Room 10)
- Tuesday 24 April 2018 from 8.30-10am (Room 10)
- Tuesday 24 April 2018 from 2.30-3.30pm (Joint hearing on Chechen Republic with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) (Room 5)
- Wednesday 25 April 2018 from 2- 3pm (Room 10)
- [Thursday 26 April 2018 from 8.30-8.45am (Room 10)¹]
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Monday 23 April 2018 from 2-3pm

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Jur (2018) PV 02]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 14 March 2018

¹ Sub-committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – (Room 10)

**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 are published on the Parliamentary Assembly extranet website (restricted area for national delegations): <http://assembly.coe.int/extranet>.

3. The status of journalists in Europe

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Æversdóttir, Iceland, SOC

Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Elvira Drobinski-Weiss, Germany, SOC

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[Doc. 14505](#)

Consideration of a report tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Consideration and approval of the Committee's opinion

4. The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region

Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

5. Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia

(Rapporteur: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC)

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

6. How can inappropriate restrictions to NGO activities in Europe be prevented?

(Rapporteur: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC

[Letter addressed to the Vice-Chairperson

Opinion of the Venice Commission]

Follow-up to the request made to the Venice Commission for an opinion on the compatibility of the Romanian draft legislation on NGOs (draft law 140/2017, amending Law 26/2000 on Associations and Foundations)

7. Appointment of rapporteurs

[Appointment procedure document

Rapporteur table

[Doc. 14479](#)

[Doc. 14483](#)

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For report:

Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe

8. Motion referred to the Committee for information

[\[Doc. 14485\]](#)

So-called "tax optimisation" and policy, two incompatible concepts

9. Request for authorisation for fact-finding visits for the following reports:

- New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation (Rapporteur: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE)

- Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions (Rapporteur: Lord Donald Anderson, United Kingdom, SOC)

Tuesday 24 April 2018 from 8.30-10am (Room 10)

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

Rapporteur: Mr Raphaël Comte, Switzerland, ALDE

[[Doc. 14506](#) + amendments]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

Hearing:

11. The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report

Rapporteur: Mr Evangelos Venizelos, Greece, SOC

[AS/Jur (2018) 04]

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

Mr Abel de Campos, Section Registrar, Registry of the Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Mr Christos Giannopoulos, Doctor of Public Law, *Institut de recherches Carré de Malberg* (IRCM); Associate Lecturer in Public Law; Lecturer at the University of Strasbourg, France

Tuesday 24 April 2018 from 2.30-3.30pm (Room 5)

Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on:

12. Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)

[Letters]

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In the framework of the preparation of reports on:

- *Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)*, Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: Mr Piet de Bruyn (Belgium, NR)

- *The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region*, Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC).

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Tanya Lokshina, Russia Programme Director, Human Rights Watch, Moscow;

- Mr Igor Kochetkov, Chairperson of the Russian LGBT Network, Saint Petersburg.

Wednesday 25 April 2018 from 2pm – 3pm

13. **Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”?**

Rapporteur: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez, Spain, SOC

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Consideration of a revised introductory memorandum

14. **Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States**

Rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD

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Exchange of views with the participation of **Mr Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders**

[Thursday 26 April 2018 from 8.30-8.45am (for information)]

- **Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – (Room 10)**

Thursday 26 April 2018 from 8.45-10am

15. **Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets**

Rapporteur: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE

[Doc. 14516 + amendments]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

16. **Legal challenges related to the hybrid war and human rights obligations**

Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC

[Doc. 14523 + amendments]

Doc. ... (opinion AS/CULT)]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

Thursday 26 April 2018 from 2-3.30pm

17. **Handbook for parliamentarians: National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe:**
[handbook]

Report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights on the meeting held in Strasbourg on Thursday 26th April 2018. Consideration and approval of publication of the “Handbook for parliamentarians: National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe”

18. Co-operation with United Nations human rights mechanisms – a challenge for the Council of Europe and its member States

Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

19. Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc

Reports by the following representatives:

- The Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission), 15 March 2018: Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC)
- 79th plenary meeting of GRECO, 20-24 March 2018: Mr Georgii Logvynskyi (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

20. Other business

http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/vaclav-havel-human-rights-prize

21. Next meetings

Plenary Committee:

- Reykjavik, Iceland, 22-23 May 2018
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2018 (25-29 June 2018)
- Paris, 10 September 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2018 (8-12 October 2018)
- Paris, 12 November 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Paris, 13 December 2018 (Council of Europe Office)

SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE ASSEMBLY'S 2nd PART-SESSION:

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

- Strasbourg, Thursday 26 April 2018, 8.30 -8.45am (Room 10)