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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:

- . Tuesday 22 January 2019, 08:30 – 10:00
- . Tuesday 22 January 2019, 14:00 – 15:00  
(followed by reconstitution meetings of sub-committees 15:00 – 15:30)
- . Wednesday 23 January 2019, 14:00 – 15:30
- . Thursday 24 January 2019, 8:30 – 10:00

#### Tuesday, 22 January 2019, 08:30 – 10:00, room 9

**7. Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections**

*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Olena Sotnyk, Ukraine, ALDE*

[AS/Pol (2019) 02, [Doc. 14669](#)]

Consideration and approval of the Committee's opinion

*Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 22 January, 10:30*

*Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 23 January, 10:00*

**8. Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States**

*Rapporteur: Dame Cheryl Gillan, United Kingdom, EC*

[[Doc. 14791](#), Amendments]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution

*Deadline for amendments: Monday 21 January, 16:00*

*Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 22 January, 10:00*

**9. The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries**

*Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD*

Statement by the Rapporteur

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

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

**10. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan**

*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*

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Statement by the Rapporteur

**11. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic**

*Rapporteur: Mr Corneliu M. Cozmanciuc, Romania, EPP/CD*

[[Res 1984 \(2014\)](#), AS/Pol (2017) 05]

Exchange of views with the partner for democracy delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic

**12. Reconstitution of the Sub-Committees on the Middle East and the Arab World and on External Relations**

**Tuesday, 22 January 2019, 14:00 – 15:00, room 9**

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

[Lists of candidates]

Approval of the composition of the Sub-Committees

**14. Debate under urgent procedure: The escalation of tensions around the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait and threats to European security**

*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Nick, Germany, EPP/CD*

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

**15. Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

*Rapporteur: Mr Adão Silva, Portugal, EPP/CD*

[AS/Pol (2019) 05, AS/Pol/Inf (2018) 13]

. Consideration of an outline for report

. Exchange of views

**16. Work programme**

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- **Follow-up to [Resolution 2221 \(2018\)](#) and [Recommendation 2131 \(2018\)](#) on Counter-narratives to terrorism**  
[[Doc. 14771](#)]

Consideration of the reply adopted by the Committee of Ministers

- **Appointment of the institutional representatives of the Committee**

. Council for democratic elections of the Venice Commission

. European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

**Tuesday, 22 January 2019, 15:00 – 15:30, room 9**

Reconstitution meetings of the Sub-Committees, subject to the decision by the Committee:

15:00 – 15:15: Sub-committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

15:15 – 15:30: Sub-committee on External Relations

(separate draft agendas)

**Wednesday, 23 January 2019, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9**

**17. Conference “Building democratic security in the Mediterranean: common challenges, shared responsibility”, Dubrovnik, 6 November 2018**

[AS/Pol/AHD (2018) CB 01, AS/Pol/AHD (2018) 01, AS/Pol/AHD (2018) 02, AS/Pol/AHD (2018) 03, AS/Pol/AHD (2018) 04]

Summing-up and follow-up proposals by Mr George Loucaides, Chairperson of the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee

**14:30**

**18. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco**

*Rapporteur: Mr Bogdan Klich, Poland, EPP/CD*

[[Doc. 14659](#)]

Hearing with the participation of:

. Ambassador Katrin Kivi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe and Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Committee of Ministers (GR-EXT)

. Ms Amina Bouayach, Chairperson of the Moroccan National Human Rights Council

. Mr Driss Guerraoui, Chairperson of the Moroccan Council of Competition and former Secretary General of the Social, Economic and Environmental Council

and in the presence of:

. Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

. Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**Thursday, 24 January 2019, 8:30 – 10:00, room 9**

**19. Debate under urgent procedure: The escalation of tensions around the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait and threats to European security**

*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Nick, Germany, EPP/CD*

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Consideration of amendments

**20. Promoting democracy by developing market economy: does the EBRD model work?**

*Rapporteur: Mr Hendrik Daems, Belgium, ALDE*

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

**21. Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future**

*Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*

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Statement by the Rapporteur

**22. Relations between the Assembly and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

[AS/Pol (2019) 04]

. Consideration of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat, on the basis of an exchange of letters between the Secretaries General of the Assembly and the OECD

. [OECD Global Parliamentary Network, Parliamentary Days, Paris, 13-15 February 2019](#)

**23. Open discussion on current issues**

**24. Authorisations by the Committee**

**25. Other business**

. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2019: call for nominations [[Press release](#)]

**26. Next meetings**

- Paris, 5 March 2019
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session, 8-12 April 2019
- Paris, 20 May 2019
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session, 24-28 June 2019
- Paris, 11 September 2019 (tbc)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session, 30 September-4 October 2019
- Berlin, 14 November 2019 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly)  
[AS/Pol/Inf (2019) 03]
- Paris, 9 December 2019