Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

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

- Monday 27 January 2020 at 2-3pm (Room 10)
- Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 8.30-10am (Room 10)
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- [Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 3.00-3.30pm (Room 10)]
- Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 2-2.50pm (Room 10)
- [Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 2.50-3.20pm (Room 10)]
- Thursday 30 January 2020 at 8.30-10am (Room 10)

Monday 27 January 2020 from 2-3pm (Room 10)

1. Opening of the meeting by the oldest member present

2. Election of the Chairperson of the Committee

3. Election of the three Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee

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2 The Sub-Committee on Human Rights will meet on Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 3pm -3.10pm to elect its bureau.

The Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights will meet on Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 3.10pm to 3.20pm to elect its bureau.

The Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments to the European Court of Human Rights will meet on Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 3.20-3.30pm to elect its bureau.

3 The Sub-Committee on Human Rights will meet on Wednesday 29 January 2020 from 2.50pm -3.20pm to examine CPT lists.

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

Copy to Secretaries of national delegations, of observer and partner for democracy delegations and of political groups
4. **Agenda**  
Adoption of the agenda

5. **Minutes**  
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Berlin on 14-15 November 2019 and in Paris on 10 December 2019

6. **Constitution of sub-committees**  
i. Sub-Committee on Human Rights  
ii. Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights  
iii. Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

7. **Appointment of representatives of the Committee**  
Appointment of members and substitutes to represent the Committee at meetings of the following bodies in 2020 in the framework of the Assembly’s institutional representation (proposals to be submitted to the Bureau):  
i. European Commission for Democracy through Law (“Venice Commission”)  
ii. Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)  
iii. Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)  
iv. Moneyval

8. **Democracy hacked? How to respond**  
*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD*  
*Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Frithjof Schmidt, Germany, SOC*  
Consideration of a report tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy  
Consideration and approval of the Committee’s opinion

9. **Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections**  
*Rapporteur for opinion (oral): Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC*  
*Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Hendrik Daems, Belgium ALDE*  
Consideration of a report tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy  
Consideration and approval of the Committee’s opinion

10. **Appointment of a General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States**  
(following the departure of Mr Raphaël Comte, Switzerland, ALDE from the Assembly)
11. **Appointment of rapporteurs**
   [Appointment procedure document
   Rapporteur table Doc. 14639
   Doc. 14972]

   **For report:**
   Fighting corruption. General principles of political responsibility
   (Re-appointment. Former Rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD)

   **For opinion:**
   Climate change and the rule of law: baseline study
   Rapporteur for the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC

12. **Annual ticket**
   [Invitation letter from the Greek delegation— English only
   Invitation letter from the Dutch delegation— English only]

   Consideration of the invitation by the Greek delegation to hold the Committee's November 2020 meeting in Komotini, Thrace, Greece
   Consideration of the invitation by the Dutch delegation to hold a Committee meeting in the second half of 2020 in The Hague, Netherlands

13. **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2020: call for nominations**
   [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website
   Václav Havel information sheet]

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   **Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 8.30-10am (Room 10)**

14. **Composition of the sub-committees:**
   [lists]
   i. Sub-Committee on Human Rights
   ii. Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
   iii. Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

15. **The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region**
   Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC

   Hearing with the participation of:
   Ms Neamat Abumuslimova, Witness, or by video conference t.b.c.
   Mr Ibragim Khadaev, Witness
   **Mr Ibragim Yangulbayev, Witness**
   Mr Oleg Petrovich Orlov, Head of Human Rights Center Memorial’s program “Hot spots”, Moscow Russian Federation
16. **The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report - Russian Federation**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstatius, Cyprus, SOC*  
[AS/Jur (2020) 05]

Consideration of an information note

Exchange of views with the participation of:

Mr Piotr Tolstoy, Chairperson of the delegation of the Russian Federation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (t.b.c.)

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**Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 2pm-3pm (Room 10)**

17. **The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Davor Ivo Stier, Croatia, EPP/CD*  
*Rapporteur for opinion for the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: Sir Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC/DA)*  
[Doc. 15015 + amendments  
Doc.... (opinion EGA)]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

18. **Daphne Caruana Galizia’s assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges**

Statement by the Rapporteur on developments since adoption of Assembly Resolution 2293 (2019)

19. **Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, the Netherlands, EPP/CD*  
[AS/Jur (2020) 03]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

20. **Ensuring accountability for the downing of flight MH 17**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlățean, Romania, SOC*  
[AS/Jur (2020) 04]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

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**Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 3-3.30pm (Sub-committees – for information) (Room 10)**

i. Sub-Committee on Human Rights (3pm - 3.10pm)

ii. Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (3.10pm - 3.20pm)

iii. Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (3.20 - 3.30pm)

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Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 2 -2.50pm

21. Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan
   Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC)
   [Doc. 15020 + amendments]

   Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

22. Work programme of the Committee: Priorities for 2020

   Exchange of views

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Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 2.50 -3.20pm (Sub-committee on Human Rights – for information) (Room 10)

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Thursday 30 January 2020 from 8.30 -10am (Room 10)

23. Sub-Committee on Human Rights
   [AS/Jur/DH (2020) OJ 02]

   Report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held in Strasbourg on Wednesday 29th January 2020.

   Hearing:

24. The principles and guarantees of advocates
   Rapporteur: Mr Aleksandr Bashkin, Russian Federation, NR
   [AS/Jur (2020) 01]

   Consideration of a revised introductory memorandum

   Hearing with the participation of:

   Mr Vakhtang Fedorov, Senior partner of the Moscow Bar Association "Legis Group", Lawyer Chamber of Moscow, Russian Federation
   Mr Laurent Pettiti, Chair of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Human Rights, Suresnes, France
   Ms Maria Ślązak, President of the European Association of Lawyers, Starogard Gdański, Poland

25. Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee
   [AS/Jur (2020) 02, Doc. 15017]

   Reply by the Committee of Ministers to Recommendation 2154 (2019) on “Laundromats: responding to new challenges in the international fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering
26. Hearings during the next meeting

27. Other business
   AS/Jur/Inf (2020) 01
   AS/Jur/Inf (2020) 03

28. Next meetings

   Plenary Committee:
   - Paris, 10 March 2020 (Council of Europe Office)
   - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 2nd part-session of 2020 (20-23 April 2020)
   - Paris, 20 May 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
   - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 3rd part-session of 2020 (22-25 June 2020)
   - Paris, 9 September 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
   - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 4th part-session of 2020 (12-15 October 2020)
   - Paris, 17 November 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
   - Paris, 8 December 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)

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SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE ASSEMBLY’S 1st PART-SESSION:

Sub-Committee on Human Rights:
- Strasbourg, Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 3-3.10pm (Room 10)

Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights:
- Strasbourg, Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 3.10-3.20pm (Room 10)

Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
- Strasbourg, Tuesday 28 January 2020 from 3.20pm-3.30pm (Room 10)

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- Strasbourg, Wednesday 29 January 2020 from 2.50pm-3.20pm (Room 10)