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:

- Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 8.30-10am (Room 10)
- Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 2-3pm (Room 10)
- [Tuesday January 2020 at 3.00-3.30pm (Room 10)]
- [Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 2.50-3.20pm (Room 5)]
- Thursday 30 January 2020 at 8.30-10am (Room 10)

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

1. 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

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1 Committee documents are published on the PACE extranet website (restricted area for PACE Members) when they become available: [http://assembly.coe.int/extranet](http://assembly.coe.int/extranet). PACE IT Unit staff (it.unit@coe.int) remains at your disposal for any technical assistance. This draft agenda contains hyperlinks to some Assembly documents.
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
2. **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,
   Mr Amin Dzhabrailov, Witness, *(video conference)*
   Mr Ibragim Yangulbayev, Witness
   Mr Oleg Petrovich Orlov, Head of Human Rights Center Memorial’s program “Hot spots”, Moscow Russian Federation

3. **The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report - Russian Federation**

   Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, 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)**

4. **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

5. **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)

6. **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

7. **Ensuring accountability for the downing of flight MH 17**

   Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlățean, Romania, SOC

   [AS/Jur (2020) 04]

   Consideration of an introductory memorandum
8. **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

9. **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 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 2.50 -3.20pm (Sub-committee on Human Rights – for information) (Room 5)**

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

10. **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.

11. **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

12. **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

13. 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)


Hearing:
15. 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 working group of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of
Europe (CCBE) on the European convention for advocates, France

Ms Maria Ślązak, President of the European Association of Lawyers, Starogard Gdański, Poland

16. 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

17. Work programme of the Committee: Priorities for 2020
Exchange of views

18. Hearings during the next meeting

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

20. 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)

**Sub-Committee on Human Rights:**
- Strasbourg, Wednesday 29 January 2020 from 2.50pm-3.20pm (Room 5)