

Information documents

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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1296th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (4 October 2017)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 4 September 2017 (Paris) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 9 October 2017 (Strasbourg).

I. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 4 September 2017

A. Fourth part-session of 2017 (9 to 13 October 2017)

On 4 September 2017, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1).

On 18 September 2017, Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) and 24 members of the Assembly tabled a request for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The extremely worrying humanitarian situation of the Rohingya*.

On 28 September 2017, Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) and 39 members of the Assembly tabled a request for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The new Ukrainian law on education: a major impediment of the teaching of national minorities' mother tongues*.

On 2 October 2017, Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) Chairperson of the Group of the Unified European Left, tabled, on behalf of his group, a request for the Assembly to hold a debate under urgent procedure on *The need for a political solution to the crisis in Catalonia*.

The award ceremony of the 2017 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize will be held on Monday 9 October 2017 at 3 pm.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 12 October 2017 from 3 pm to 4.30 pm (room 5).

The Assembly has received the lists of candidates for the posts of judge to the European Court of Human Rights as regards Georgia and Turkey. The elections will take place on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

A list of events to be held during this part-session is appended to this document (Appendix 2).

B. Observation of elections

At its meeting on 4 September 2017, the Bureau took the following decisions:

- **Albania: parliamentary elections (25 June 2017):** the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;
- **Kyrgyzstan: presidential election (15 October 2017):** the Bureau took note of the invitation to observe this election.

C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meeting on 4 September 2017

- **Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights:** the Bureau took note of the calendar for the election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and asked the Assembly's Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to organise, through its Sub-Committee on Human Rights, the interviews of candidates in time for the Assembly's first part-session of 2018, preferably in December 2017.
- **Formation of a new political group: Free Democrats Group:** the Bureau acknowledged the formation of the Free Democrats Group in line with Rule 19 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure. It also asked the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs whether, in line with the Rules and in view of the documents submitted to the Bureau on 30 June 2017, the date of the acknowledgment of the Group should be defined as 30 June 2017 or 4 September 2017.²
- **Gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly:** the Bureau took note of the letter by Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, concerning the #InspiringWomen initiative, as well as of the memorandum on *Gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly* prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee.

² Subsequently, at its meeting on 21 September 2017 in Paris, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs approved a decision on the interpretation of Rule 19 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, recognising that the creation of the Free Democrats Group was acknowledged on 4 September 2017.

- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2018:** the Bureau approved the proposals contained in the document (Appendix 3).
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau took note of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 28-29 August 2017, consisting of (in alphabetical order):
 - . Mr Murat Arslan (Turkey);
 - . Hungarian Helsinki Committee (Hungary);
 - . Father Georg Sporschill (Austria).

The name of the Prize Winner will be announced in the Chamber on Monday 9 October 2017 at 3 pm.

II. Activities of Committees and Networks

- On 5 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**
 - . held a hearing on *Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the "Cairo Declaration"?*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Antonio Gutiérrez, (Spain, SOC) with the participation of Mr Konstantinos Tsitselikis, Associate Professor in human rights at the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies of the University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki, Greece); and Ms Machteld Zee, political scientist and legal scholar, author of the book "Choosing Sharia?: Multiculturalism, Islamic Fundamentalism and Sharia Councils".
- On 6 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**
 - . held an enlarged debate on *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017* (Rapporteur: Mr Alfred Heer, Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of delegations of national parliaments of OECD member States which are not members of the Council of Europe. It also held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Juan Yermo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Secretary-General of the OECD; considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution.
- On 18 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**
 - . held a hearing on *Women's empowerment in the economy* in the context of a report prepared by Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Brigitte Longuet, Honorary Chairperson of the *Fédération des femmes administrateurs*, Paris ;
 - . held an exchange of views on *Women in Public Space* with Ms Eva Fehringer, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission.
- On 19 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**
 - . in the context of the preparation of a report on *Inquiry into growing antimicrobial resistance in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC), held a hearing with the participation of Mr Matt Oliver, Head of the Secretariat, Global TB Caucus, Ms Olga Klymenko, a former tuberculosis patient and Michele Cecchini, Principal administrator, Health Division, OECD.
- On 20 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
 - . in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, held an exchange of views on *Child-friendly age assessment for unaccompanied migrant children* (Rapporteur: Ms Doris Fiala, Switzerland, ALDE) with the participation of Ms Daja Wenke, Independent Researcher and Consultant, Child Rights, Italy, and Mr Lodovico Benso, Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Turin, Italy;
 - . in the same framework, it also held an exchange of views on the Parliamentary Monitoring Guide on *Visiting places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of migration procedures* elaborated by the Council of Europe's Children Right's Division, with the participation of Mr Julien Attuil Kayser, Juvenile Justice Officer, Defence for Children, Belgium;

- . held an exchange of views on *Family reunification in the Council of Europe member States* in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Ulla Sandbæk (Denmark, UEL) with the participation of Ms Frédérique Desgrais, Head of Restoring Family Links and Missing Persons Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, and Ms Kristiina Lilleorg, Thematic Specialist, Immigration and Border Management, Regional Office for the EU, Norway and Switzerland, International Organization for Migration, Brussels;
 - . held a hearing on *The situation of human rights of migrants and refugees and the ongoing crisis of Europe's migration* with the participation of Mr Philippe Dam, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch (HRW), and Ms Daphné Bouteillet-Paquet, Senior Legal Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE);
 - . held an exchange of views on *Addressing the humanitarian needs of internally displaced persons: recent lessons and future challenges in Europe* in the framework of the report prepared by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Davao City, Philippines (via video-conference), Mr Adrián Calvo-Valderrama, Senior Monitoring Coordinator, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, Geneva, and Ms Angela Cotroneo, Advisor on internal displacement, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva.
- On 22 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**:
- . held an exchange of views on *The status of journalists in Europe* in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Elvira Drobinski-Weiss (Germany, SOC) with the participation Mr Marc Gruber, expert in media and communication, France; Ms Martine Simonis, Secretary general of the Association of Professional Journalists, Belgium, and Mr Fabrice Pozzoli-Montenay, Secretary General of the Association of European Journalists, French section;
 - . held an exchange of views on *The protection of editorial integrity* in the framework of the report prepared by Mr John Howell (United Kingdom, EC) with the participation of Mr William Horsley, Media Freedom representative of the Association of European Journalists, International Director of the Centre for Freedom of the Media, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, and Mr Chris Elliott, Board member of the Ethical Journalism Network, former "Guardian" readers' editor, United Kingdom;
 - . held a hearing on *Good football governance* in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) with the participation of Mr Joachim Eckert, former Chairperson of the Adjudicatory Chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee, and Mr Cornel Borbély, former Chairperson of the Investigatory Chamber of the FIFA Ethics Committee;
 - . held a hearing on *Does brand image push for better governance?: Reactions of sponsors, sports business and broadcasters to the recent wave of scandals in sports* with the participation of Mr Misha Sher, Worldwide Vice President, Sport and Entertainment, Mediacom, London; Mr Hans-Willy Brockes, Managing Director, ESB Marketing Network AG, Switzerland ; Mr Matthias Remund, Director and expert in sport sponsoring, Ministry of Sports, Switzerland; and Mr Toby Hester, Head Coach, Sponsorship Coach Ltd, United Kingdom.
- On 25 September 2017 in Athens, the **Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States (of the Monitoring Committee)**:
- . held an exchange of views with Ambassador Klaus Kögeler, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Austrian Chairmanship Team to the OSCE, Ambassador Martin Sajdik, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, and Ambassador Wolf-Dietrich Heim, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistrian Settlement Process.

III. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia***

Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC) and **Ms Maria Guzenina** (Finland, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Serbia from **18 to 21 July 2017**.

➤ ***Good football governance***

Ms Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, met with high representatives of UEFA and officers in charge of the development of women's football, in Enschede, Netherlands, on **6 August 2017**, and participated in a seminar on Women's football organised by FIFPro in Hoofddorp, Netherlands, on **7 August 2017**.

➤ ***Women's empowerment in the economy***

Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Iceland on **29-30 August 2017**.

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

Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* carried out a fact-finding visit to Paris on **4 and 6 September 2017**, **Mr Comte** also participated in the 3rd IPCAN (Independent Police Complaints Authorities' Network) conference in Strasbourg on **14-15 September 2017** on the "Respect of fundamental rights in the context of the fight against terrorism", co-organised by the French *Défenseur des Droits* and the Council of Europe.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina***

Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), Co-rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on **5-6 September 2017**.

➤ ***Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets***

Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* carried out a fact-finding visit to Dublin on **6-7 September 2017**.

➤ ***The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan***

Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Amman (Jordan) on **10-11 September 2017**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan***

Mr Stephan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and **Mr Cezar Florin Preda** (Romania, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from **13 to 17 September 2017**.

➤ ***The role of national authorities in successful decentralisation processes***

Mr Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris on **20 September 2017**.

➤ ***Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe***

Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Norway from **21 to 22 September 2017**.

➤ ***Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage***

Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom on **11-12 September 2017** and to Greece on **26-27 September 2017**.

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro***

Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) and **Mr Andrea Rigoni** (Italy, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro from **2 to 4 October 2017**.

IV. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

6-7 July, Strasbourg: The *Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)* organised a seminar for the staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Council of Europe standards and policies in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2015-2017.

7-8 September, Lisbon: The PPSD organised the *Launching Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies*, in cooperation with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons. The conference was financed partly by the South Programme II (the Council of Europe-European Union joint programme to foster democracy in Europe's southern neighbourhood) and partly by the Partnership for Good Governance (PGG).

25-26 September, Strasbourg: The PPSD organised an information seminar for a delegation of members of the Serbian parliament on the Council of Europe Human Rights and Gender Equality standards and the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

28-29 September, Budapest: The PPSD organised a national seminar on the Istanbul Convention for members of the *Verkhovna Rada* of Ukraine with the participation of representatives from civil society to discuss practical issues regarding the existing legislative framework. This activity was organised in the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2015-2017.

V. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

A meeting of the **Joint Committee** will be held on Thursday 12 October 2015 from 3 to 4.30 pm (room 5).

VI. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

➤ On 5 July 2017, in Strasbourg, Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *Call for a Council of Europe Summit to reaffirm European unity and to defend and promote democratic security in Europe*, met with Ms Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.

➤ On 3 October 2017, in Strasbourg, Mr Wojciech Sawicki, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, met with Mr Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the European Parliament.

VII. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

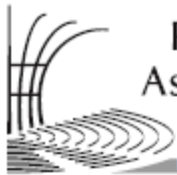
➤ At its meeting on 7 September 2017 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to ask the Venice Commission for opinions on:

- the Law "on amending certain Laws of Ukraine regarding peculiarities of financial control over certain categories of public officials" as adopted on 3 March 2017 by the *Verkhovna Rada* of Ukraine;
- the legal framework governing the funding of political parties and campaigns, as well as the recent amendments to the electoral legislation in the Republic of Moldova.

VIII. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- **3 September 2017, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- **4 September 2017, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- **5 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- **6 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and its Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World*
- **7 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe of the Monitoring Committee*
- **19 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and its Sub-Committee on Children*
- **20 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- **21 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- **22 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- **25 September 2017, Athens:** *Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- **25 September 2017, Lublin, Poland:** *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- **29 September 2017, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- **8 October 2017, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*

APPENDIX 1



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Fourth part of the 2017 Ordinary Session (9-13 October 2017)

Draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 4 September 2017.
Updated, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly (modifications are indicated in grey).

Abbreviations

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EC: European Conservatives Group





ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

FDG: Free Democrats Group

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols

-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee

Thursday: 15:00-16:30

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:00

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Sitting No. 28 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Opening by the most senior Vice-President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in respect of France and Serbia
- 1.4. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.5. Motion for the dismissal of Mr Pedro Agramunt, President of the Parliamentary Assembly (Doc. 14383)

List of speakers

Vote

1.6. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure

1.6.1. Urgent procedure debate: "The extremely worrying humanitarian situation of the Rohingya"

1.6.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The new Ukrainian law on education: a major impediment to the teaching of national minorities' mother tongues"

1.6.3. Urgent procedure debate: "The need for a political solution to the crisis in Catalonia"

1.7. Adoption of the agenda

2. Debate

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

2.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Albania (25 June 2017)

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Paolo CORSINI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 14392)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 10:00)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 29 (15:00-17:00)

3. Prize Award Ceremony (15:00-15:30)

3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize²

4. Address (15:30-16:30)

4.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Lubomír ZAORÁLEK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers


📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 12:00)


2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2017) ...).

5. Debate (continued)

5.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

5.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Albania (25 June 2017)

 List of speakers

 [possibly] Vote

Tuesday 10 October 2017

Sitting No. 30 (10:00-13:00)

6. [Possibly] Election (10:00-13:00)

6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

7. Debate

7.1. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr Alfred HEER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 14401)
- o Mr Geraint DAVIES (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)

□ Statement by:

- o Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary-General of the OECD

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 16:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 9 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14401)

8. Address (12:00-13:00)

8.1. Mr Miloš ZEMAN, President of the Czech Republic

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

📖 Questions

Sitting No. 31 (15:30-20:00)

9. [Possibly] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)

9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

10. Question time (15:30-16:00)

10.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

📖 Questions

11. Debate

11.1. Follow-up to Resolution 1903 (2012): promoting and strengthening transparency, accountability and integrity of Parliamentary Assembly members

□ Presentation by:

- o Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14407)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 9 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14407)

12. Debate

12.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Josette DURRIEU (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 14399)
 - Mr Andrea RIGONI (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 9 October, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14399)

Wednesday 11 October 2017

Sitting No. 32 (10:00-13:00)

13. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (10:00-13:00)

13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

14. Joint debate

14.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14403)
 - o Mr Cezar Florin PREDA (Romania, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14403)

14.2. Azerbaijan's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe: what follow-up on respect for human rights?

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Alain DESTEXHE (Belgium), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14397)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 19:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 10 October, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14403)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14397)

15. Address (12:00-13:00)

15.1. Mr Petro POROSHENKO, President of Ukraine

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

- 📅 Questions

Sitting No. 33 (15:30-20:00)

16. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

16.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

17. Joint debate

17.1. Call for a Council of Europe Summit to reaffirm European unity and to defend and promote democratic security in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Michele NICOLETTI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 14396)

17.2. Defending the acquis of the Council of Europe: preserving 65 years of successful intergovernmental co-operation

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc. 14406)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 10 October, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14396)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft recommendation (Doc. 14406)

18. Joint debate

18.1. Venice Commission's "Rule of Law Checklist"

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Philippe MAHOUX (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14387)

18.2. New threats to the rule of law in Council of Europe member States: selected examples

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Bernd FABRITIUS (Germany, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14405)
- Statement by:
 - Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 10 October, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14387)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14405)

Sitting No. 34 (10:00-13:00)

19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate³

20. Debate

20.1. Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14402)
 - Ms Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, NR), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14402)

Sitting No. 35 (16:30-20:00)

21. Debate

21.1. The use of new genetic technologies in human beings

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14328)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft recommendation (Doc. 14328)

22. Debate

22.1. Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Piet De BRUYN (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14404)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 12:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14404)

Friday 13 October 2017

Sitting No. 36 (10:00-13:00)

23. Debate

23.1. Youth against corruption

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Eleonora CIMBRO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14395)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 19:00)
- ⊖ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 12 October, 10:30)
- ⚖️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14395)

24. Debate

24.1. Free debate

- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 19:00)

25. Progress report (continued)

26. Closure of the part-session

APPENDIX 2 – List of events linked to the part-session

Monday 9 October 2017	
<p>2–3 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Hearing on Women and breast cancer with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Elizabeth Bergsten Nordström, lawyer, former President of Europa Donna (Sweden); • Ms Donata Lerda, European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC), Joint Research Centre
<p>2 – 3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on Resolution 2162 (2017) on Alarming developments in Hungary: draft NGO law restricting civil society and possible closure of the European Central University</p> <p>in the context of the follow-up to the report by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of members of the Hungarian delegation to the Assembly</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the Draft Protocol amending the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (CETS No. 108) and its Explanatory Report</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jean-Philippe Walter Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data
Tuesday 10 October 2017	
<p>8.30 – 10 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Enlarged debate on The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017</p> <p>in the context of the report by Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of delegations of national parliaments of OECD member States which are not members of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Joint hearing on Migrants and media with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Robert McNeil, Head of Media and Communications, Migration Observatory University of Oxford • Mr Tom Law, Director of Campaigns and Communications, Ethical Journalism Network, London • Ms Claude-Anne Savin (tbc), responsible of the Press Office and PR, ARTE, Strasbourg • Mr Lutz Tillmanns (tbc), Secretary General, German Press Council, Berlin

Tuesday 10 October 2017

<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on Resolution 2172 (2017) on The situation in Belarus</p> <p>in the context of the follow-up to the report by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members of the National Assembly of Belarus, one from the majority and one from the opposition, • Mr Ales Bialiatski, Viasna Human Rights Centre • Mr Vital Rymasheuski, Belarusian Christian Democracy Party <p>► Hearing on The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries</p> <p>in the context of the report under preparation by Mr Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Christian Springer, founder of the non-profit organisation Orientheifer • Ms Bassma Kodmani, Executive Director of the think-tank Arab Reform Initiative
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Wednesday 11 October 2017

<p>2–3 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Hearing on The provision of palliative care in Europe with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Tiina Saarto, Professor of Palliative Medicine, Chief Physician, Palliative care center, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Helsinki University Hospital, Helsinki University; • Mr Philip Larkin, Professor of Clinical Nursing (Palliative Care), University College Dublin and Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children</p>	<p>► Presentation of the Study of immigration detention practices and the use of alternatives to immigration detention of children</p> <p>by Ms Athanassia Sykiotou, Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law, Greece (tbc)</p> <p>► Presentation of the Parliamentary Monitoring Guide on “Visiting places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of migration procedure” elaborated by the Council of Europe’s Children Right’s Division</p> <p>by Mr Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Director, Defence for Children, Belgium (tbc)</p>
<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Open discussion on current issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent developments in Turkey • IPU's democracy campaign on the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy - Sign the petition online at campaign.ipu.org • Other issues

Wednesday 11 October 2017

2.00– 3.30 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	<p>► Hearing on The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Zhanna Nemtsova, daughter of Boris Nemtsov; journalist, founder of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom• Mr Vadim Prokhorov, attorney at law, legal representative of Ms Zhanna Nemtsova• Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, collaborator of Boris Nemtsov
2.30– 3.30 pm Room 3, Palais Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence	<p>► Hearing on Shelters for victims of gender-based violence with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Anne-Marie Von Arx Vernon, Deputy Director of the accommodation centre “Le Cœur des grottes”, Geneva, Switzerland• A representative of WAVE (Women against Violence-Europe)

Thursday 12 October 2017

8.30 – 9.30 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<p>► Exchange of views with participants in the study session for young refugees on “Empowering Young Refugees” (9-14 October, European Youth Centre Strasbourg), organised by Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (VYRE) and the EYC (Budapest/Strasbourg)</p>
8.30 – 10.00 am Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	<p>► Exchange of views on The case for drafting a European Convention on the profession of lawyer</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Sabien Lahaye-Battheu (Belgium, ALDE), with a representative of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), name tbc.</p> <p>► Exchange of views on CPT – Public statement concerning Belgium</p> <p>Exchange of views concerning the public statement issued by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) on 13 July 2017, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Hendrik Daems, Chairperson of the Belgian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly• Mr Mark Kelly, 2nd Vice-President of the CPT and Head of the CPT delegation for Belgium
9 – 10 am Room 3, Palais Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development	<p>► Hearing on the contraception atlas of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population & Development (EPF) with the participation of:</p> <p>Ms Marina Davidashvili, Senior Policy Officer, European Parliamentary Forum on Population & Development (EPF), Brussels</p>

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Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2018

Preliminary proposals for dates¹

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly

Monday 22 January, 8.00 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 26 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 8 or 15 March, 3.00 pm, Paris	Bureau (to be confirmed)
Friday 9 or 16 March, 9.30 am, Paris	Standing Committee (to be confirmed)
Monday 23 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 27 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of May, Croatia	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Monday 25 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 29 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 3 September, 9 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 8 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 12 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
End of November, Finland	Bureau and Standing Committee (CM Chairmanship)
Friday 14 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau

¹ Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the agreement of the Parliament of the country concerned.