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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1327th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (17 October 2018)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 8 October 2018 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the end of the year.

I. Fourth part-session of 2018 (8 – 12 October 2018)

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
 - Mr Khemaies Jhinaoui, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia
 - Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Ms Gudrun Mosler-Törnström, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
2. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

B. Current affairs debate

3. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on *The future of the Council of Europe* introduced by Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom).

C. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

4. On 9 October 2018, the Assembly elected Mr Darian Pavli (Albania) and Mr Arnfinn Bårdsen (Norway) as judges to the European Court of Human Rights.

D. 2018 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

5. On 8 October 2018, the Assembly awarded the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize to Mr Oyub Titiev (Russian Federation). Diplomas were awarded to Ms Rosa María Payá (Cuba) and Mr Nabeel Rajab (Bahrain) - see Appendix 1. The 2019 edition of the Prize will be launched on 14 January 2019.

E. Joint Committee

6. On 8 October 2018, the Joint Committee held an exchange of views on the follow-up to the report of the Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly.

F. Media coverage

The media coverage of the fourth part-session was outstanding. With 77 journalists accredited, there were at least 395 articles (provisional figures) in the international and key national print and electronic media. Their geographic distribution very well reflected the PACE agenda, with strong coverage found in Ukraine and the Russian Federation, as well as in Poland, Germany, Armenia and in relevant international media.

The debate on strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting was widely covered, with more than 220 articles (provisional figure) in Russian and Ukrainian media, but also in major international media. In addition to that item, the awarding of PACE's Václav Havel Human Rights Prize to the head of the Grozny office of the Memorial Human Rights Center in Chechnya, Oyub Titiev, filled many columns (The Washington Post, Le Monde, Le Soir, AFP, DW, Reuters, EFE, Ansa, ARD, etc.). The debate on the crash of Polish Air Force Tu-154M transporting the Polish State delegation, on 10 April 2010 on the Russian Federation's territory, was also given much prominence in Polish media.

As regards social media activity, the session was on a par with previous sessions, with some 260,000 impressions over the week on Twitter and around 40,000 post engagements on Facebook. A trial of Facebook Live - with two events streamed - was a success, with the livestream of the Vaclav Havel Prize achieving a reach of nearly 6,000 as a result, a record. The top tweet concerned a request for a Venice Commission opinion as regards Malta's constitutional arrangements.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for Assembly members, as a way of raising the institution's profile: 54 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded.

G. Adopted texts

10. Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

No.	Title
Resolution 2236 (2018)	The treatment of Palestinian minors in the Israeli justice system
Resolution 2237 (2018)	Regulating foreign funding of Islam in Europe in order to prevent radicalisation and Islamophobia
Resolution 2238 (2018)	Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe
Resolution 2239 (2018)	Private and family life: achieving equality regardless of sexual orientation
Resolution 2240 (2018) Recommendation 2140 (2018)	Unlimited access to member States, including "grey zones", by Council of Europe and United Nations human rights monitoring bodies
Resolution 2241 (2018)	Nuclear safety and security in Europe
Resolution 2242 (2018)	The role of national parliaments in successful decentralisation processes
Resolution 2243 (2018) Recommendation 2141 (2018)	Family reunification of refugees and migrants in Council of Europe member States
Resolution 2244 (2018)	Migration from a gender perspective: empowering women as key actors for integration
Resolution 2245 (2018) Recommendation 2142 (2018)	Deal-making in criminal proceedings: the need for minimum standards for trial waiver systems
Resolution 2246 (2018)	The crash of Polish Air Force Tu-154M transporting the Polish State delegation, on 10 April 2010 on the Russian Federation's territory

11. All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int> .

H. Hearings and side-events organised during the part-session

Monday 8 October 2018	
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Daphne Caruana Galizia’s assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges</i></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jonathan Price, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers, London • Mr Tony Murphy, Partner, Bhatt Murphy Solicitors, London • Mr Jules Giraudat, International Co-ordinator, Daphne Project
<p>2–3 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the future priorities of the sub-committee</p> <p>with the participation of Mr Matjaž Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, DGII - Directorate General of Democracy , Council of Europe</p>
<p>11 am – 7 pm Foyer of the hemicycle, Palais</p> <p>7.10 pm – Forecourt, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Breaking down the barriers to care Breast cancer awareness-raising stand (light box, flyers, ribbons etc.)</p> <p>► Illumination in pink of the Palais</p>
Tuesday 9 October 2018	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry</i></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Beatrice Gabriela Ioan, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics; • Ms Catalina Devandas Aguilar, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities; • Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; • Ms Olga Runciman, Psychologist and owner of <i>Psycovery</i>.
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Information society, democracy and human rights</i></p> <p>in the context of the reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Internet governance and human rights</i> prepared by Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) - <i>Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?</i> prepared by Mr José Cepeda (Spain, SOC) - <i>Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution</i>, prepared by Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD) - <i>Media education in the new media environment</i> prepared by Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC) <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Victoria Nash, Deputy Director, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, United Kingdom • Mr Nello Cristianini, Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Intelligent Systems Laboratory, University of Bristol, United Kingdom • Mr Francisco Segado Boj, Director of the Research Group “Communication and Digital Society”, Universidad Internacional de la Rioja (UNIR), Spain

Tuesday 9 October 2018	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe</i> and <i>Concerted action on human trafficking</i></p> <p>in the context of the reports prepared by Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC) and Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Markus Lehner, Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) • Ms Goia Scappucci, Executive Secretary of the Lanzarote Committee (Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (T-ES))
<p>8.30 – 9.50 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report</i></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos (Greece, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Martin Kuijer, Venice Commission substitute (Netherlands), Senior Legal Adviser, Ministry of Security and Justice, Professor, VU University Amsterdam • Mr George Stafford, Co-Director, European Implementation Network, Strasbourg, France
Wednesday 10 October 2018	
<p>2.00– 2.45 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Information disorder; Media literacy and on the future priorities of the sub-committee</i></p> <p>with the participation of Ms Urška Umek, Head of Media Unit, Media and Internet Governance Division, DGI - Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe</p>
<p>2.00– 3.00 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the decision of the European Committee of Social Rights on the complaint <i>EUROCEF v. France</i> and on the case law regarding immigration detention of children</p> <p>in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jan Malinowski, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights • Ms Elena Baroni, Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Abolition of the Death Penalty: 16th World Day against the Death Penalty</i></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Mr Yves Cruchten (Luxembourg, SOC) with the participation of Mr Valiantsin Stefanovic, Deputy Chairman of the Human Rights Center Viasna, Minsk, Belarus.</p> <p>► Hearing on <i>Ensuring greater follow-up of CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments</i></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Damir Arnaut (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr George Tugushi, CPT expert, former Ombudsman in Georgia, member of the Georgian Parliament • Ms Barbara Bernath, Secretary General, Association for the Prevention of Torture

Wednesday 10 October 2018	
<p>2 – 2.45 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (<i>in camera</i>)</p> <p>within the framework of Resolution 1115 (1997)</p>
<p>2.45 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States</i></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Dame Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of Mr Nicos C. Alivizatos, Professor of Constitutional Law, Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Athens, and an expert of the Venice Commission on referendums</p>
Thursday 11 October 2018	
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 8 Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>The situation of migrants in Morocco and the Kingdom of Morocco's role in the UN Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i></p> <p>with the participation of Mr Lahbib Nadir, Secretary General of the Ministry responsible for Moroccans abroad and Migration Affairs of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation</p>
<p>9.15 – 10.00 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, on her priorities</p>
<p>9.15 – 10.00 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>The most pertinent cases of non-implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights</i> <i>The implementation of unilateral declarations and friendly settlements</i></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Paola Tonarelli-Lacore, Head of Division of Case-Management and Working Methods, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights • Mr Frederik Sundberg, Head of Department a.i. for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, DG1, Council of Europe • Mr Rupert Skilbeck, Director, <i>Redress</i>, London
<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► Address by the President of the Assembly</p> <p>► Hearing: <i>Is there a backlash against women's rights?</i></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Borbála Juhász, independent expert and co-author of the study <i>Backlash in Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Rights</i> for the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament (June 2018); • Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Council of Europe.

Thursday 11 October 2018

2 – 3.30 pm
Room 6, Palais

Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and Media

► **Exchange of views on *Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts***

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Judith Pallarés (Andorra, ALDE), with the participation of:

- Ms Gizem Kiliç, Member of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) of the Council of Europe, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), Netherlands
- Mr Ramon Tena Pera, Director of Dialoga, Andorra, and trainer at the Council of Europe Youth Peace Camp
- Mr Rui Gomes, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department, DGII Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

2pm – 3.30pm
Room 10, Palais

Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights

► **Exchange of views**

Thematic debate on Topical Human Rights issues with the participation of Mr Jan Kleijssen Director, Information Society – Action against Crime / Artificial Intelligence Coordinator for the Council of Europe.

II. Observation of elections

➤ **“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: Referendum (30 September 2018) following the Final Agreement signed by Greece and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” on 17 June 2018²**

. On 8 October 2018, the Bureau took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee who observed this referendum and of the statement of the observation mission.

➤ **Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (7 October 2018)**

. On 12 October 2018, the Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

➤ **Armenia: possible early parliamentary elections (date to be confirmed):** on 12 October 2018, the Bureau, subject to these elections being called and subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 31 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 10, EC: 5, ALDE: 3, UEL: 2, FDG: 1 - in accordance with the D'Hondt system) as well as of the co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee and authorised the President of the Assembly to approve the list of members and appoint the Chairperson, and authorised the conduct a pre-electoral mission.

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III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau on 8 and 12 October 2018

- **Standing Committee (Helsinki, 23 November 2018):** on 12 October, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda of this meeting.

- **First part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 21-25 January 2019):** on 12 October, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 2).

- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2018):** on 12 October, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum (see Appendix 3).

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** on 12 October, the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and drew up the lists of candidates in respect of Spain, which was subsequently transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.

IV. Forthcoming activities of Committees and Networks

➤ **On 17-18 October 2018 in Tbilisi, the Sub-Committees on Education, Youth and Sport** of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and **the Sub-Committee on Children** of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development will hold the following hearings in the margins of the 15th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (16 October 2018):

- *Start to Talk - Joining forces in the fight against sexual abuse of children in Sport*
- *Actors or spectators: What role for parliaments in setting the moral compass for Sport?*
- *Strengthening parliamentary action for better child protection against sexual violence in Sport*
- *Impact of labour migration on left behind children*

² “Final Agreement for the Settlement of the Differences as described in the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 817 (1993) and 845 (1993), the Termination of the Interim Accord of 1995 and the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership between the Parties” signed by Greece and “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” on 17 June 2018.

➤ **On 6 November 2018, in Dubrovnik (Croatia):** The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** and the **Croatian Parliament** are organising a parliamentary conference on *Building democratic security in the Mediterranean: common challenges, shared responsibility* in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. This event will bring together members of Parliament from the Council of Europe member States and Members of Parliaments of seven countries of the MENA Region (Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia as well as Members of the Palestinian National Council). The conference will address political challenges of the Mediterranean region and their impact on both European and MENA countries, as well as present an overview of Council of Europe tools which contribute to democratic security in the region.

➤ **On 12 November 2018 in Budapest and the transit zone Röszke (Hungary),** the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** will organise a visit in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children, with the participation of parliamentarians.

➤ **On 6-7 December 2018 in Paris,** the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold the following hearings and exchanges of views:

- *Information society, democracy and human rights*
- *Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe*
- *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe*
- *Strengthening the link between popular sports events and cultural heritage*

➤ **On 10 December 2018** in Paris, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** will hold a plenary meeting: it will in particular conduct an assessment of the follow up given to the conclusions and recommendations of the Report of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly (IBAC). The Committee will also hold an exchange of views on the 2018 exercise of the PACE members declarations of interests, consider the follow up to be given to the reference back of the report *Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting*, and will hold a hearing in the framework of the report *Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights* prepared by Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC).

➤ **On 13 December 2018 in Paris,** the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** will hold:

. a hearing on *Extradition requests and the abuse of process* in the context of a report prepared by the Rapporteur Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD).

. a hearing on *New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation* in the context of a report prepared by Rapporteur Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE).

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

➤ ***Jewish cultural heritage preservation***

Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Lithuania, from **15 to 17 October 2018**.

➤ ***Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries***

Mr Ionut-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland on **22-24 October 2018**.

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

Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Malta from **22 to 25 October 2018**.

➤ ***The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries***

Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Amman, Jordan, on **24 October 2018**.

➤ ***Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda***

Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE) Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* will carry out a fact-finding visit to the BBC, London, on **24-25 October 2018**.

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

Ms Kerstin Lundgren (Sweden, ALDE) and **Mr Titus Corlăţean** (Romania, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from **6 to 8 November 2018**.

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

Ms Dzhema Grozdanova (Bulgaria, EPP/CD) and **Mr Alfred Heer** (Switzerland, ALDE), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine from **19 to 21 November 2018**.

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

Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Amman, Jordan, on **27-28 November 2018**.

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

Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to the UN Headquarters, New York, on **3-4 December 2018**.

VI. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

➤ **On 26 November 2018, in Budapest**, The *Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)* will organise its fourth parliamentary seminar on the role of national parliaments in implementing the European Convention of Human Rights and in controlling the execution of the European Court of Human Rights judgments, with the participation of Members of Parliaments of ten member States: Bulgaria, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Turkey.

VII. Co-operation with the Committee of Ministers

8 October 2018, Strasbourg: Meeting of the Joint Committee (as mentioned above).

VIII. Co-operation with European Union/European Parliament

➤ **On 3-4 December 2018** in Brussels, Mr Stefan Schennach, Rapporteur General on Science and Technology of the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**, will attend the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network (EPTA) Council meeting and 2018 Conference.

➤ **On 10 and 11 December 2018, in Strasbourg**, the **Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)** will organise an information seminar on Council of Europe standards and priorities for the staff of the Parliament of Jordan, Partner for Democracy to the PACE, in the framework of the South Programme III.

IX. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

➤ At its meeting on 8 October 2018 in Strasbourg, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**:

. agreed to a proposal by Ms Olena Sotnyk (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur for *Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe activities*, to seize the Venice Commission for an opinion on the compatibility with international human rights standards of the Hungarian law of 20 July 2018 amending certain tax laws and other related laws, and on the immigration tax.

. agreed to the proposal by the Rapporteur on *Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges*, Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), to seize the Venice Commission for an opinion on Malta's constitutional arrangements, the separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary and law enforcement bodies.

➤ **63rd meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (18 October 2018)**: Mr Corneliu Mugurel Cozmanciuc (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) will attend this meeting.

➤ **116th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (19-20 October 2018)**: Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) and Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) will attend the session.

➤ **64th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (13 December 2018 and 117th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (14 December 2018))**: upon the invitation of the Venice Commission, Dame Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC), will participate in exchanges of views in the framework of the preparation of her report on *Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States*, in both meetings.

➤ **117th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (14-15 December 2018)**: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) will attend the session.

X. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **17-18 October 2018, Tbilisi:** Joint meeting of the *Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport* of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* with the *Sub-Committee on Children* of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **6 November 2018, Dubrovnik:** *Ad hoc Sub-committee of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* to participate in the parliamentary conference *Building democratic security in the Mediterranean: common challenges, shared responsibility*
- . **16 November 2018, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **22 November 2018, Helsinki:** *Presidential Committee (morning)*
- . **22 November 2018, Helsinki:** *Bureau of the Assembly (afternoon)*
- . **23 November 2018, Helsinki:** *Standing Committee*
- . **3 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **5 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **5-6 December 2018, UN New York (USA):** *Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **6-7 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **10 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **11 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **12 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **13 December 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **13 December 2018, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **14 December 2018, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly (morning)*
- . **14 December 2018, Paris:** *Meeting of the secretaries of national delegations (afternoon)*



PRESS RELEASE

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Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2018 awarded to Oyub Titiev

Strasbourg, 08.10.2018 - The sixth [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#) – which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights – has been awarded to the head of the Grozny office of the Memorial Human Rights Center in Chechnya, Oyub Titiev (Russian Federation). The prize was presented at a special ceremony today at the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg, on the opening day of the autumn plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

Oyub Titiev, in detention since January 2018, is a prominent human rights defender and head of the Grozny office of the Memorial Human Rights Center in Chechnya. In this capacity, Mr Titiev succeeded Natalia Estemirova, murdered in 2009, and has made a widely recognised contribution to the defence of human rights in the region by reporting on abuses by the local authorities. Mr Titiev being in detention, the prize was presented to Aleksandr Cherkasov, Chairman of the Memorial Human Rights Centre Board.

"We are fully aware of the difficulties that Mr Titiev and his colleagues face. This prize is a recognition of the work he and Memorial are doing," the PACE President said. "It is also a message to all those who work in this region to affirm the principles of the rule of law and human rights. Keep up the good work, you can count on our support," Liliane Maury Pasquier added.

The two other shortlisted nominees – Rosa María Payá, a young Cuban democracy and human rights activist, and Nabeel Rajab, a prominent democracy and human rights defender in Bahrain – also received diplomas during the ceremony.

The Václav Havel Human Rights Prize is awarded each year by the Parliamentary Assembly, in partnership with the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation, to reward outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights in Europe and beyond. Nominations of any individual, non-governmental organisation or institution working to defend human rights are taken into consideration.

The Prize consists of a sum of € 60 000, a trophy and a diploma. The Prize is awarded in memory of Václav Havel, playwright, opponent of totalitarianism, architect of the Velvet Revolution of 1989, President of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic and an enduring symbol of opposition to despotism.

The first-ever Václav Havel Prize for Human Rights was awarded in 2013 to Ales Bialiatski (Belarus), followed by Anar Mammadli (Azerbaijan) in 2014, Ludmilla Alexeeva (Russian Federation) in 2015, Nadia Murad (Iraq) in 2016, and Murat Arslan (Turkey) in 2017.

APPENDIX 2

15 October 2018

First part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (21-25 January 2019)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 12 October 2018.

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: 15:30-16:30

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: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 21 January 2019

Sitting No. 1 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Examination of credentials
- 1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly
- 1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
- 1.4. Appointment of members of committees
- 1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.6. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Helsinki, 23 November 2018)

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.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 10:00)
- [possibly] Vote

Sitting No. 2 (15:00-17:00)

3. Address

3.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe [tbc]
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 12:00)
- Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 14 January, 11:30)

4. Debate

4.1. Free debate

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 12:00)

Tuesday 22 January 2019

Sitting No. 3 (10:00-13:00)

5. [Possibly] Elections (10:00-13:00)

5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights


6. Joint debate


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


- Presentation by:
 - o Dame Cheryl GILLAN (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)


6.2. Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Hendrik DAEMS (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
 - o Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - o Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 16:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 21 January, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

 Vote on ... ()

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

7.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 4 (15:30-20:00)


8. [Possibly] Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

9.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe


- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND


 Questions


10. Debate

10.1. Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions

- Presentation by:
 - o Lord Donald ANDERSON (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 22 January, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 21 January, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

11. Debate

11.1. Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the "Cairo Declaration"?

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
- Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)
- Mr Johan NISSINEN (Sweden, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)
- Mr Manuel TORNARE (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 22 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 21 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 23 January 2019

Sitting No. 5 (10:00-13:00)

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

12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

13. Joint debate

13.1. Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN (Turkey), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

13.2. Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Petri HONKONEN (Finland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 22 January, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 22 January, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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

14.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 6 (15:30-20:00)

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

15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

16. Debate

16.1. The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
 - Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 23 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 22 January, 18:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

17. Joint debate

17.1. Discrimination in access to employment

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Damien THIÉRY (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

17.2. For a disability-inclusive workforce

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Adão SILVA (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 23 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 22 January, 18:00)

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Thursday 24 January 2019

Sitting No. 7 (10:00-13:00)

18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate²

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

19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

Sitting No. 8 (16:30-20:00)

20. Debate

20.1. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2018) and the periodic review of the honouring of obligations by Iceland and Italy

□ Presentation by:

- Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 23 January, 18:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

21. Debate

21.1. Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Viorel Riceard BADEA (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 23 January, 18:00)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Friday 25 January 2019

Sitting No. 9 (10:00-13:00)

22. Debate

22.1. Withdrawing citizenship as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?

□ Presentation by:

○ Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 24 January, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

23. Debate

23.1. ...

24. Progress report

24.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

25. Constitution of the Standing Committee

26. Closure of the part-session

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