Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1334th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies¹ (16 January 2019)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 22 November 2018 (Helsinki) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 21 January 2019 (Strasbourg).
I. Decisions taken by the Bureau (22 November and 14 December 2018)

A. First part-session of 2019 (21-25 January 2019)

On 14 December 2018, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1).

A meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers will be held on Monday 21 January 2019 at 6 pm with the participation of Mr Timo Soini, Chair of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

The Assembly has received the lists of candidates for the posts of judge to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Italy and Sweden. The elections will take place on Tuesday 22 January 2019.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 24 January 2019 from 12 noon to 1pm (Appendix 2).

A list of events to be held during this part-session is appended to this communication (Appendix 3).

B. 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 2018

  On 22 November 2018, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Chairperson of the Assessment mission;

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

  On 22 November 2018, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;

- **Georgia: presidential election (28 October 2018)**

  On 22 November 2018, the Bureau took note of the statement of the election observation mission and of the fact that a second round will be held on 28 November 2018. On 14 December 2018, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee;

- **Armenia: early parliamentary elections (9 December 2018)**

  On 22 November 2018, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Aleksander Pociej (Poland, EPP/DC) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee. On 14 December 2018, the Bureau took note of the statement of the election observation mission;


  On 22 November 2018, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc Committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee;

- **Ukraine: presidential election (31 March 2019)**

  On 14 December 2018, the Bureau, subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 9, EC: 4, ALDE: 4, 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 conduct of a pre-electoral mission;

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Schedule of elections for 2019

On 14 December 2018, the Bureau took note of the elections calendar for 2019.

C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meetings on 22 November and 14 December 2018

- **Rules on access to and movement and security within the Council of Europe during sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly and meetings of Assembly committees and sub-committees**: on 22 November, the Bureau adopted the Rules on access to and movement and security within the Council of Europe during sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly and meetings of Assembly committees and sub-committees, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress Report;

- **Revision of the list of rights of participation and representation whose exercise may be deprived or suspended in the context of a challenge of credentials under Rule 10.1.c with respect to voting rights in the procedure for electing personalities by the Assembly**: on 22 November, the Bureau asked the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to review the list of rights of participation and representation whose exercise may be deprived or suspended in the context of a challenge of credentials under Rule 10.1.c with respect to voting rights in the procedure for electing personalities by the Assembly. On 14 December, the Bureau took note of the opinion of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and decided to declassify it;

- **Declaration of interests of Parliamentary Assembly members**: on 14 December, the Bureau took note:
  - of the information provided in the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
  - that the declarations of interest 2019 should be submitted by 28 February 2019 for members whose credentials are ratified at the opening of the session in January 2019 (and for the last day of February for subsequent years). With regard to new Assembly members whose delegations submit credentials during the session, declarations of interests shall be submitted by the end of the month which follows ratification of the credentials by the Assembly (e.g. 30 April 2019 for new members whose credentials are ratified at the meeting of the Standing Committee on 1 March 2019; 31 May 2019 for those whose credentials are ratified at the April 2019 part-session, etc.);

- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2019 financial year**: on 14 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- **Parliamentary co-operation activities: work plan 2019**: on 14 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;

- **Cooperation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions**: on 14 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;

- **Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2019**: on 14 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and approved the proposal for the apportionment of the allocation.

II. Prizes

- **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

  At its meeting on 7 December 2018, in Paris, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media decided to award the 2019 Museum Prize to the Museum of Communication, Bern. The award ceremony will take place on 9 April 2019 in Palais des Rohan, Strasbourg.
Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 14 December 2018, the Bureau took note of the calendar of the 2019 edition of the Prize;

On 14 January 2019, the Assembly launched a call for nominations for the 2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize (Appendix 4).

The deadline for presenting nominations is 30 April 2019. Website: Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize

III. European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2019 (Strasbourg, 24-25 October 2019)

On 14 December 2018, the Bureau took note that the Conference would discuss the following themes:

- “Our Common European Home”: the next 70 years
- Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals: contribution by Parliaments

A third theme on a current political issue will be chosen in May 2019 by the President of the Assembly, among the proposals received from the Presidents of Parliament.

IV. Activities of Committees and Networks

On 3 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination 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 an opinion prepared by Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC) with the participation of Dr Ioana Cismas, Senior Lecturer, York Law School and the Centre for Applied Human Rights, York, United Kingdom;

. a hearing on Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the parliament of Morocco in the context of an opinion prepared by Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) with the participation of Mr Driss El Yazami, Chairman, National Human Rights Council, Morocco;

. a hearing on Obstetrical and gynaecological violence in the context of a report prepared by Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) with the participation of Dr Amina Yamgnane, Gynaecologist-Obstetrician and Head of the Maternity Department, American Hospital of Paris and Ms Anne-Mette Schroll, Consultant Midwife, Danish Association of Midwives, Copenhagen.

On 4 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held:

. an exchange of views on The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – how parliaments and member States of the Council of Europe can contribute, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR) with the participation of Mr Martin Bortzmeyer, Head of the Delegation for Sustainable Development, Office of the General Commissioner for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition, France; Ms Elisabeth Hege, Research Fellow, Governance and Financing of Sustainable Development, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) and Mr Benoît Simon, Chairman of Association 4D;

. an exchange of views on Organ Transplant Tourism, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Kristof Van Assche, Research Professor in Health Law and Kinship Studies, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
On 5 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held:

- an exchange of views on Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);

- an exchange of views on Concerted action on human trafficking, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Ms Michaele De Cock, Head of Research and Evaluation Unit, International Labour Organization (ILO) and Ms Jesse Chase-Lubitz, Reporter, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project OCCRP, USA (via videoconference);

- an exchange of views on the Council of Europe Codifying instrument on the administrative detention of migrants, with the participation of Ms Revijara Oosterhuis, Coordinator, Meldpunt Vreemdelingendetentie (Hotline for Detained Undocumented Foreigners), Netherlands.

On 5-6 December 2018 at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York, USA, the Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held various meetings with high-level UN officials to discuss on new challenges to universal human rights, democracy and the rule of law and the need to strengthen co-operation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations for upholding these common values, including the important role that parliamentarians must play, when multilateralism is openly and increasingly being challenged were the focus of discussions.

On 6-7 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media held:

- a hearing on Information society, democracy and human rights, on topics of interest in the context of the following reports:
  - Internet governance and human rights, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD),
  - Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?, in the context of a report prepared by Mr José Cepeda (Spain, SOC),
  - Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD),
  - Media education in the new media environment, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nino Goguadze (Georgia, EC),

with the participation of: Ms Sandra Wachter, Lawyer and research fellow in Data Ethics, AI, robotics and Internet Regulation/cyber-security, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, Mr Thomas Myrup Kristensen, Managing Director EU Affairs and Northern Europe, Facebook, Head of Office Brussels, and Ambassador Thomas Schneider, Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) of the Council of Europe;

- an exchange of views on Media and Information Society with the participation of Ambassador Thomas Schneider, Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) of the Council of Europe;

- a hearing on Threats to media freedom and journalists’ security in Europe, in the context of the report prepared by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of Mr Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, President of the European Federation of Journalists, Brussels, Ms Flutura Kusari, Legal advisor, European Centre for Press and Media Freedom, Leipzig, Ms Sophie Busson, Head of advocacy, Reporters without borders, Paris, Ms Joy Hyvarinen, Representative of Index on Censorship, London, and Ms Roberta Taveri, Programme Officer, Europe & Central Asia Team, ARTICLE 19, London.

- an exchange of views on the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2019, with the participation of Mr Mark O’Neill, Chairperson of the Judging Panel for the Museum Prize;

- an exchange of views on Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe in the context of the report prepared by Mr Koloman Brenner (Hungary, NR) with the participation of Mr Máté László Botos, Head of the Committee on Humanities of the Hungarian Rectors’ Conference, Budapest.
On 10 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs approved an opinion to the Bureau of the Assembly to clarify the list of rights of participation and representation whose exercise may be deprived or suspended in the context of a challenge of credentials under Rule 10.1.c with respect to voting rights in the procedure for electing personalities by the Assembly, and asked its Chairperson to transmit it to the President of the Assembly. It held an exchange of views on the follow-up to be given to the Assembly’s decision at its October 2018 part-session to refer back to the committee the report on Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting prepared by Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), and decided to continue the exchange of views on the content of the new draft report at a forthcoming meeting.

On 11 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy held a hearing, in the context of a report on Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism being prepared by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) with the participation of Mr Julien Rencki, Director General of the French Guarantee Fund for Victims of Terrorism and other Offences (FGTI), and Ms Julie Heisserer, responsible for European and international relations of the inter-ministerial delegation for victim assistance to the French Ministry of Justice.

On 13 December 2018 in Paris, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights held:

- a hearing on Extradition requests and the abuse of process in the context of a report prepared by Mr Aleksander Pociej (Poland, EPP/CD) with the participation of: Mr Erik Verbert, Chairman of the Council of Europe’s Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC), Mr Bruno Min, Legal and Policy Officer, Fair Trials, London and Ms Mary D. Rodriguez, General Counsel, Interpol;

- 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 Mr Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE) with the participation of Mr Daniel Thelesklaf, Chairman of the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism of the Council of Europe (Moneyval); Ms Khadiya Ismayilova, Regional editor, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project OCCRP, investigative journalist, Baku (via video link); Mr Howard Wilkinson, formerly Head of Markets Baltics, Danske Bank, Estonia; Danske Bank whistleblower (via video link); Mr Steve Kohn, partner, Kohn, Kohn and Colapinto, Washington, D.C., United States; and Mr Wilkinson’s attorney (via video link);

- held an exchange of views with Ms Julia Ouahnon, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Programme Officer, International Federation for Human Rights to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

- 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, carried out a fact-finding visit to Amman, Jordan, 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, carried out a fact-finding visit to the UN Headquarters, New York, USA, 3-6 December 2018.

- The implications of Brexit for migration

Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on 11 December 2018.
VI. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

- On 26 November 2018 in Budapest, the Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD) held the fourth Parliamentary Seminar on the role of national parliaments in implementing standards of the European Convention of Human Rights. These peer-to-peer seminars aim to enhance parliamentary structures and mechanisms with a view to assuring the compliance of national legislation with the Convention and an effective execution of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) judgments in member States. This time eighteen Members of Parliament from eight countries (Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Turkey) presented the existing situation in their respective countries and had an exchange of views with current and previous rapporteurs of the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on this subject as well as representatives of the Court and of the department for the execution of ECHR judgements.

- On 13 and 14 December 2018 in Strasbourg, the PPSD held an information seminar for the staff of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, which aimed at improving the institutional capacity and understanding of the overall role and functioning of parliamentary secretariats supporting members of Parliaments in exercising their mandate. For two days, representatives of different Committees of the Verkhovna Rada had the occasion to exchange best practices with members of secretariats from different member States (Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Slovenia and United Kingdom). This activity was part of the PACE project on “Strengthening the Parliamentary Role to Implement the Council of Europe Standards and Policies in Ukraine”.

VII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

On 13 December 2018 in Paris, a joint meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers was held.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 24 January 2019 from 12 noon to 1pm (room 5).

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

- On 27 November 2018, in Amman, Jordan, Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan, met with Ambassador Andrea Matteo Fontana, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

- On 5 December 2018, in New York, USA, the Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy met with Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations.

- On 11 December 2018 in Brussels, Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on “the implication of Brexit on migration”, met Mr Mariano Fernandez Salas and Mr François Arbault, Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU.

- On 15 January 2019, in Brussels, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs will hold a plenary meeting and have an exchange of views 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), with the participation of Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of the Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe; Mr Emmanuel Crabut, Director, Directorate C – Fundamental rights and rule of law, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission; Mr Ralph Kaessner, Head of Unit Horizontal Matters, Justice and Home Affairs, Council of the European Union and Mr Jonas Grimheden, Senior Policy Manager, Institutional Cooperation, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. It will also have an exchange of views on the theme Possible creation of a transparency register of interest representatives, with the participation of Ms Marie Thiel and Ms Elisabeth Bauer, Administrators within the Directorate for Interinstitutional Affairs and Legislative Coordination, Transparency Unit European Parliament, Brussels.
IX. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

- **64th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (13 December 2018 and 117th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (14 December 2018):** the report on *Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States* prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy (Rapporteur Dame Cheryl Gillan, (UK, EC)) was presented; Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission was subsequently invited to participate in the debate on this report to be held by the Assembly at its January 2019 part-session.

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

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

- **3 December 2018, Paris:** Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- **4 December 2018, Paris:** Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- **5 December 2018, Paris:** Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- **5-6 December 2018, UN Headquarters in New York:** 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:** Monitoring Committee
- **13 December 2018, Paris:** Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- **13 December 2018, Paris:** Presidential Committee meeting and Joint meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers
- **14 December 2018, Paris:** Bureau of the Assembly
- **14 December 2018, Paris:** Meeting of the Secretaries of National Delegations
- **11 January 2019, Paris:** Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- **15 January 2019, Brussels:** Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs
- **20 January 2018, Strasbourg:** Presidential Committee
- **20 January 2018, Strasbourg:** Seminar for new members of the Assembly
First part of the 2019 Ordinary Session
(21-25 January 2019)

Draft agenda¹

¹ Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 14 December 2018. Subsequent 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: 12:00-13:00

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: 15:15-17:00
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
      1.5.1. Urgent procedure debate: “Open Russian aggression against Ukraine: disruption of the peace process and a threat to European security”
      1.5.2. Urgent procedure debate: “Worsening situation of opposition politicians in Turkey: what to do to protect their fundamental rights in a Council of Europe member State?”
   1.6. Adoption of the agenda
   1.7. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Helsinki, 23 November 2018)

2. Debate
   2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
      - Presentation by:
        - Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
   2.2. Observation of the presidential election in Georgia (28 October and 28 November 2018)
      - Presentation by:
        - Mr Andrej HUNKO (Germany, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 14784)
   2.3. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Armenia (9 December 2018)
      - Presentation by:
        - Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 10:00)

Sitting No. 2 (17:00-19:00)

3. Debate (continued)
   3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
   3.2. Observation of the presidential election in Georgia (28 October and 28 November 2018)
   3.3. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Armenia (9 December 2018)
      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 10:00)
      [possibly] Vote

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. Elections (10:00-13:00)
   5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
       ☑ List of candidates in respect of:
         o Italy and Sweden (Doc. 14776, Doc. 14663)

6. 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. 14791)
       Statement by:
         o Mr Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law
           (Venice Commission)
       ☑ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 18:00)
       ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 21 January, 16:00)
       ☑ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14791)

7. Address (12:00-13:00)
   7.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
       ☑ Presentation by:
         o Mr Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee
           of Ministers of the Council of Europe
       ☑ Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 21 January, 18:00)
       ☑ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 14 January, 11:30)

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

8. 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 Thorbjorn 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. 14661)
       ☑ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 22 January, 12:00)
       ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 21 January, 16:00)
       ☑ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14661)
11. Debate

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

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14787)
  - Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)
  - Mr Johan NISSINEN (Sweden), 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 a draft resolution (Doc. 14787)
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:
           o Ms Gülsün BILGEHAN (Turkey), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14669)
           o Ms Olena SOTNYK (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc.)
   13.2. Public service media in the context of disinformation and propaganda
         Presentation by:
           o Mr Petri HONKONEN (Finland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14780)
         List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 22 January, 19:00)
         Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 22 January, 16:00)
         Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14669)
         Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14780)

14. Address (12:00-13:00)
   14.1. Mr Sauli NIINISTÖ, President of Finland
         Speech (12:00-12:20)
         Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)
         Questions

   Address
   Mr Ditmir BUSHATI, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

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. Internet governance and human rights
         Presentation by:
           o Mr Andres HERKEL (Estonia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14780)
         List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 23 January, 12:00)
         Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 22 January, 16:00)
         Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14789)
17. Joint debate

17.1. Discrimination in access to employment
   - Presentation by:
     - Mr Damien THIÉRY (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14666)

17.2. For a disability-inclusive workforce
   - Presentation by:
     - Mr Adão SILVA (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14665)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 23 January, 12:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 22 January, 16:00)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14666)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14665)
Thursday 24 January 2019

Sitting No. 7 (10:00-12:00)

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

Sitting No. 8 (15:30-20:00)

19. Debate

19.1. 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. 14792 Part 1, Doc. 14792 Part 2 (IS), Doc. 14792 Part 3 (IT))

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 23 January, 18:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14792 Part 1)

20. Debate

20.1. Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Voicu Vioroiu BADEA (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 14779)

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 23 January, 18:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14779)

² Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
Friday 25 January 2019

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

21. Debate

21.1. Withdrawing nationality as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?

☐ Presentation by:
  o Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14790)

☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 19:00)
☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 24 January, 10:30)
☐ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14790)

22. Debate

22.1. Improving follow-up to CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments

☐ Presentation by:
  o Mr Damir ARNAUT (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14788)

☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 24 January, 19:00)
☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 24 January, 10:30)
☐ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14788)

23. Progress report

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

24. Constitution of the Standing Committee

25. Closure of the part-session
Joint Committee

Revised draft agenda

of the meeting to be held on Thursday 24 January 2019, 12.00 noon
at the Palais de l’Europe, Strasbourg (Room 5)

1. Agenda
   Adoption of the revised draft agenda.

2. Minutes
   [AS/CM-Mix (2018) PV2]
   Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 8 October 2018

3. [in camera] Election of the Secretary General: Consultation of the Assembly by the Committee of Ministers
   [CVs candidates]
   [Regulations relating to the appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General of the Assembly]
   . Exchange of views

4. 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

5. Other business

6. Date and place of next meeting

To members of the Assembly’s delegation to the Joint Committee
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The Assembly’s delegation to the Joint Committee comprises:
members of the Bureau of the Assembly,
one representative of each parliamentary delegation of member states not represented in the Bureau
and members appointed by the President to speak on the subjects on the agenda
## APPENDIX 3 – List of events linked to the part-session

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| **8.30 – 10 am**  
Room 10, Palais  
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights |
| ► Hearing on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report”  
in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos, (Greece, SOC) with the participation of Mr Akif Çağatay Kılıç, Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe |
| **2–3.30 pm**  
Room 8, Palais  
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons |
| ► Exchanges of views on:  
“The implications of Brexit for migration”  
in the context of the report prepared by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Anne-Laure Donskoy, Research lead, The3million  
“Human Rights Principles and implementing guidelines on age assessment for children in migration”  
with the participation of the Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF) (tbc) |

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| **2.00– 3.30 pm**  
Room 3, Palais  
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination |
| ► Hearing on “The protection of national minorities in Europe”  
with the participation of Mr Lamberto Zannier, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities |
| **2.00 – 2.45 pm**  
Room 7, Palais  
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development |
| ► Exchange of views on the MEDICRIME Convention  
in the context of the launch of the booklet for parliamentarians “The MEDICRIME Convention in 10 questions and answers,” with the participation of:  
- Ms Susanne Keitel, Director, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and HealthCare  
- Mr Jan Kleijsen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate |
| **2.30 – 3.30 pm**  
Room 9, Palais  
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy |
| ► Hearing on “The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco”  
in the context of the report prepared by Mr Bogdan Klich, Poland, EPP/CD, with the participation of:  
- Ambassador Katrin Kivi, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe and Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Committee of Ministers (GR-EXT)  
- Ms Amina Bouayach, Chairperson of the Moroccan National Human Rights Council  
- Mr Driss Guerraoui, Chairperson of the Moroccan Council of Competition and former Secretary General of the Social, Economic and Environmental Council |
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<td>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France (SOC), with the participation of Ms Özge Tunçalp, Scientist, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.</td>
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<td>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</td>
<td>▶ Hearing on “Public Service Media in transition: challenges to face and ways forward”</td>
<td>in the context of the report on Threats to media freedom and journalists’ security in Europe prepared by Lord George Foulkes, (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of experts (tbc)</td>
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| 8.30 – 10.00 am   | Room 10, Palais| Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights                                            | ▶ Hearing on “Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe” | in the context of the report prepared by Mr Sylvain Waserman (France, ALDE) with the participation of:  
  1. Mr Christophe Speckbacher, Senior Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Council of Europe  
  2. Ms Anna Meyers, Executive Director, Whistleblowing International Network (WIN), United Kingdom |
| 9.00 – 10.00 am   | Room 7, Palais| Sub-Committee on Children (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development) | ▶ Exchange of views on “Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly” | in the context of preparing the work of the Sub-committee on Children in 2019 by Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom (SOC), with the participation o Ms Anne Catherine Crowley, Independent Consultant |
| 9.15 – 10.00 am   | Room 8, Palais| Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) | ▶ Exchange of views on “Between insecurity and hope: reflections on youth work with young refugees” | with the participation of Ms Maria Pisani (Editor-in-Chief, EU-Council of Europe youth partnership project) (tbc) and the representatives of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe |
| 2 – 3.30 pm       | Room 10, Palais| Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights                                            | ▶ Exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe | |
Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2019: call for nominations

Strasbourg, 14.01.2019 – The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), in partnership with the Vaclav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation, has today issued a call for nominations for the 2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.

The Prize, created in 2013, aims to reward outstanding civil society action in defending human rights in Europe and beyond. Candidates should have made a real difference to the human rights situation of a given group, been instrumental in uncovering large-scale systemic violations, or have successfully mobilised public opinion or the international community for a cause.

The deadline for submitting nominations is 30 April 2019. Nominations should be sent to the Parliamentary Assembly by e-mail to the following address: hrprize.pace@coe.int, using the form available on the Prize website. They should be signed by at least five sponsors and submitted in either English or French.

The Prize, which will be awarded on 30 September 2019 in Strasbourg, consists of a sum of €60,000, a trophy and a diploma.

Since 2013, it was awarded successively to Ales Bialiatski (Belarus), Anar Mammadli (Azerbaijan), Ludmilla Alexeeva (Russian Federation), Nadia Murad (Iraq) and Murat Arslan (Turkey). Last year’s winner was Oyub Titiev (Russian Federation), head of the Grozny office of the Memorial Human Rights Center in Chechnya.

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website

Video

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