Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1354th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies¹ (18 September 2019)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 28 June 2019 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 30 September 2019 (Strasbourg).
I. **Decisions taken by the Bureau on 3 September 2019**

A. **Fourth part-session of 2019 (30 September to 4 October 2019)**

On 3 September 2019, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1).

The award ceremony of the 2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize will be held on Monday 30 September 2019 at 12.30 pm.

The Assembly has received the list of candidates for the post of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Portugal. The election will take place on Wednesday 2 October 2019.

A meeting of the Presidential Committee with the Heads of National Delegations will be held on Tuesday 1 October 2019 from 10.30 am to 12 noon (room 8).

A meeting of the Joint Committee will also be held on Thursday 3 October 2019 from 12 noon to 1.30 pm (room 5).

Both meetings will discuss the *New complementary procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to the lack of compliance by a member state with its statutory obligations*.

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

B. **Observation of elections**

- **Ukraine: early parliamentary elections (21 July 2019):** on 3 September 2019, the Bureau took note of the withdrawal by the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of the invitation to observe these elections.

C. **Other decisions taken by the Bureau on 3 September 2019**

- **Dissolution of the Free Democrat Group:** the Bureau took note of the dissolution of the Free Democrat Group as from 30 June 2019;

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau took note of the shortlist made by the Selection Panel at its meeting in Prague on 26-27 August 2019, consisting of (in alphabetical order):
  
  - Mr Ilham TOHTI (China)
  - Mr Buzurgmehr YOROV (Tajikistan)
  - Youth Initiative for Human Rights

The name of the Prize Winner will be announced in the Chamber on Monday 30 September 2019 at 12.30 pm.

- **Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly:** the Bureau took note of the letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and of the progress report on 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 and declassified this progress report;

- **External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly:** the Bureau took note of a memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to fix for 15 October 2019 the deadline for possible comments by Bureau members on these guidelines, to be submitted to the Secretary General of the Assembly with a view to adopting them at the Bureau meeting in Tbilisi on 28 November 2019;
Apportionment of the allocation of political groups for 2019: decided to modify its decision of 14 December 2018 and to increase the overall allocation to the political groups of the Assembly for 2019 by 60 000 Euros.

II Activities of Committees and Networks

➢ On 10-11 July 2019 in London, the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media participated in the Conference on media freedom in the context of which it:

. held a workshop on Keeping journalists safe – what international organisations can do, with the participation of:

- Dr Moez Chakchouk, Assistant Director General for Communication and Information, UNESCO
- Ms Herdis Kjerulf Thorgeirsdottir, First Vice-President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
- Ambassador Thomas Schneider, President of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), Council of Europe
- Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe

. and held a hearing on Threats to media freedom and journalists’ security in Europe, in the context of a report prepared by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of:

- Ms Joy Hyvarinen, Head of Advocacy, Index on Censorship, London
- Ms Jessica Ni Mhainin, Policy Research & Advocacy Officer, Index on Censorship, London
- Mr Tom Gibson, European Union Representative, Committee to Protect Journalists, Brussels
- Mr Giacomo Mazzone, Head of Institutional and Member Relations, European Broadcasting Union, Geneva, Switzerland
- Mr Matjaz Gruden, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe

➢ On 15 July 2019, on the fringe of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on the UN Sustainable Development Goals in New York, at UN Headquarters, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development organised a high-level panel, entitled We need to talk … To stop sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust, in the context of the report prepared by Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur on Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, with the participation of:

- Ms Najat Maalla M’jid, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children,
- Ms Gabriela Cuevas Barron, IPU President,
- Mr Ted Chaiban, Director of Programs, UNICEF
- Ms Joyce Cook, Chief Member Associations Officer, FIFA
- Ms Gloria Viseras, Olympic athlete-gymnast, Spain

➢ On 6 September 2019 in Paris, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons held exchanges of views on:

. Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, NR) with the participation of Mr Cyril Gout, Assistant Director, Forensics and Police Data Management, INTERPOL

. Concerted action on human trafficking, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of:

- Ms Sabine Constabel, social worker and founder, Sisters NGO, Stuttgart, Germany
- Ms Anna Sereni, Anti- Trafficking Monitoring Coordinator, Anti-Slavery International, London
Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) with the participation of:

- Mr Serge Durand, Director of protection of unaccompanied foreign minor, France terre d'asile, Paris
- Ms Liedewij de Ruijter de Wildt, Project manager, Nidos NGO, Utrecht, Netherlands
- Ms Nathalie Lequeux, lawyer – legal coordinator, Defender of Rights, Paris

➢ On 13 September 2019 in Paris, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held hearings on:

- Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC) with the participation of:
  - Mr Jacinto Sánchez Ibáñez, Director – Tissue Establishment and Cryobiology Unit, University Hospital, A Coruña (Spain)
  - Mr Givi Javashvili, Chairman of the National Council on Bioethics of Georgia; Professor and Head of Family Medicine Department – Tbilisi State Medical University

- Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Joseph O’Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) with the participation of:
  - Ms Anne Guy, Secretariat Co-ordinator for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Prescribed Drug Dependence of the House of Commons/House of Lords, United Kingdom
  - Mr Thomas Clausen, Professor at the University of Oslo

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

➢ The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan

Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), co-rapporteur of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from 4 to 6 July 2019.

➢ The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova

Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova from 22 to 23 July 2019.

➢ The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland

Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gustafsson (Sweden, SOC) and Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to Poland from 5 to 6 September 2019.

➢ Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan

Ms Thorhildur Sunna Aevardsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, carried out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from 5 to 7 September 2019.

➢ The post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro

Mr Ionut-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Anne Mulder (Netherlands, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to Montenegro from 11 to 13 September 2019.
➢ The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia

Mr Titus Corlățean (Romania, SOC) and Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), carried out a fact-finding visit to Georgia from 17 to 18 September 2019.

➢ The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region

Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Moscow and Grozny from 18 to 20 September 2019.

IV. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

29 June 2019, Strasbourg: The Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD) organised an Information Seminar for the secretaries of national delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly on the theme of "National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe".

9 September 2019, Riga: The Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD) organised the "Fifth Parliamentary Conference on implementing standards of the European Convention of Human Rights: key role of national parliaments" at the invitation of the Latvian Parliament and with the participation of the President of the Assembly.

18 September 2019, Amman (Jordan): The Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) organises a regional conference on the economic potential of diasporas.

V. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

New complementary procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to the lack of compliance by a member state with its statutory obligations

A joint meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers Deputies’ on this issue was held in Bern on 2 September 2019, with the participation of Ms Amélie de Montchalin, Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers.

The next joint meeting between the Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers Deputies’ will be held held in Strasbourg on Wednesday 2 October 2019 at 10.30 am (room 17).

The Joint Committee will meet on Thursday 3 October 2019 from 12 noon to 1.30 pm (room 5).

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

On 25 July 2019, in Brussels, Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), General Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children, made a presentation of the Campaign to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament (LIBE).
VII. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- 10-11 July 2019, London: Sub-Committee on Media Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
- 26-27 August 2019, Prague: 1st meeting of the Selection Panel of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize
- 2 September 2019, Bern: Presidential Committee and the Presidential Committee with the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers
- 3 September 2019, Bern: Bureau of the Assembly
- 10 September 2019, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
- 12 September 2019, Paris: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
- 13 September 2019, Paris: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Sub-Committee on Children and Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
- 20 September 2019, Paris: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- 29 September 2019, Strasbourg: Presidential Committee
- 29 September 2019, Strasbourg: 2nd meeting of the Selection Panel of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize
- 30 September 2019, Strasbourg: Bureau of the Assembly
Fourth part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (30 September-4 October 2019)

Draft agenda

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 3 September 2019. 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
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: 12:00-13:30

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: 14:00-15:00
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 30 September 2019

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

1. Opening of the part-session
   1.1. Statement by the President
   1.2. Examination of credentials
      □ List of delegations:
         o (Doc.)
   1.3. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2019) ... + Add. 1)
   1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
   1.5. Adoption of the agenda

2. Debate
   2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
      □ Presentation by:
         o Ms Nicole TRISSE (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
      □ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 10:00)
      □ [possibly] Vote

3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)
   3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2

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

4. Debate (continued)
   4.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
      □ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 10:00)
      □ [possibly] Vote

5. Address (16:00-17:00)
   5.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
      □ Presentation by:
         o Ms Amélie de MONTCHALIN, Secretary of State attached to the Minister for Europe and
           Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency
           of the Committee of Ministers
      □ Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 12:00)

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2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2019) ...).
Tuesday 1 October 2019

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

6. Debate
   6.1. Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe
       ◼ Presentation by:
          ◼ Mr Sylvain WASERMAN (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14958)
       ◼ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 30 September, 16:00)
       ◼ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 30 September, 16:00)
       ◼ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14958)

7. Celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe\(^3\) (12:30-13:00)

Sitting No. 31 (15:00-16:00)

8. Address (15:00-16:00)
   8.1. Mr Emmanuel MACRON, President of the French Republic
       ◼ Speech (15:00-15:20)
       ◼ Questions and replies (15:20-16:00)
       ◼ Questions

Ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe including institutional commemoration (Strasbourg Opera House, at 17:00)\(^4\)

\(^3\) A programme is published separately.
\(^4\) A programme is published separately.
Wednesday 2 October 2019

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

9. Election (10:00-13:00)
   9.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights
       List of candidates in respect of:
       o Portugal (Doc. 14954)

10. Debate
    10.1. Ombudsman institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards
           Presentation by:
           o Lord Richard BALFE (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 14953)
           List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 1 October, 10:00)
           Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 10:30)
           Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14953)

11. Address (12:00-13:00)
    11.1. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
           List of speakers

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

12. Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
    12.1. Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

13. Debate
    13.1. The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society
           Presentation by:
           o Ms Nicole TRISSE (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 14961)
           Statement by:
           o Mr Rolf WENZEL, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank
           List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)
           Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)
           Votes on a draft resolution (Doc. 14961)

14. Debate
    14.1. Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism
           Presentation by:
           o Ms Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 14957)
           List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)
           Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)
           Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14957)
15. Debate

15.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Lise CHRISTOFFERSEN (Norway, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14964)
  - Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14964)

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 2 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 1 October, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14064)
Thursday 3 October 2019

Sitting No. 34 (10:00-12:00)

16.  [Possibly 2nd round] Election (10:00-12:00)
   16.1.  Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

17.  [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate 5

Sitting No. 35 (15:30-20:30)

18.  [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued) (15:30-17:00)
   18.1.  Judge to the European Court of Human Rights

19.  Debate
   19.1.  Obstetrical and gynaecological violence
      Presentation by:
         o  Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )

      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 11:00)
      Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)
      Vote on ... ()

20.  Debate
   20.1.  A legal status for "climate refugees"
      Presentation by:
         o  Ms Marie-Christine VERDIER-JOUCLAS (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig
            (Doc. 14955)

      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 11:00)
      Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)
      Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14955)

21.  Debate
   21.1.  Functioning of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova
      Presentation by:
         o  Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14963)
         o  Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 14963)

      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 11:00)
      Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 2 October, 16:00)
      Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14963)

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5.  Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
22. Debate

22.1. Jewish cultural heritage preservation
   ☐ Presentation by:
       o Mr Raphael COMTE (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 14960)
   ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:00)
   ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)
   ☑ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 14960)

23. Debate

23.1. Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries
   ☐ Presentation by:
       o Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 14956)
   ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:30)
   ☑ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 3 October, 10:30)
   ☑ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 14956)

24. [Possibly] Debate

24.1. Free debate
   ☑ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 3 October, 19:30)

25. Progress report

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

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

**Monday 30 September 2019**

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<td>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media &lt;br&gt;open to the public</td>
<td>► Exchange of views on “Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts”&lt;br&gt;in the context of the report prepared by Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC), with the participation of:&lt;br&gt;  • Mr Ivan Djuric, Program Director of YIHR Serbia representative of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights, nominee to the 2019 Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize,&lt;br&gt;  • Ms Gizem Kilinc, Member of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) of the Council of Europe, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), Netherlands (tbc)</td>
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<td>Room 9</td>
<td>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</td>
<td>► Exchanges of views on “Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation”&lt;br&gt;in the context of the report prepared by Mr Titus Corlățean (Romania, SOC) with the participation of Mr Zoltan Taubner, Director of External Relations of the Council of Europe, Brussels office</td>
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<td>Room 7</td>
<td>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination &lt;br&gt;open to the public</td>
<td>► Joint Hearing on “life after treatment” (of breast cancer)”&lt;br&gt;with the participation of Ms Liz Egan, Team leader — Macmillan Working Through Cancer Programme (United Kingdom)</td>
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<td>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</td>
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| **8.30 – 10.00 am** | Room 7, Palais | Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) | ► Exchange of views on “Protection of migrant children’s rights: follow-up to the Parliamentary Assembly’s action” | - Ms. Regina Jensdóttir, Head of the Children’s Rights Division, Council of Europe (tbc)  
- Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Secretary to the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe (tbc) |
| **8.30 – 10 am** | Room 9, Palais | Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy | ► Hearing on the preparation of parliamentary elections in Belarus on 17 November 2019 | - Members of the National Assembly of Belarus (tbc)  
- Mr Ales Bialiatski, Chairperson, Viasna Human Rights Centre, Minsk, Belarus  
- Mr Uladzimir Niakliaeu, Belarusian National Congress  
- Mr Vital Rymasheuski, Co-Chairman of the Belarusian Christian Democracy |
| **8.30 –10 am** | Room 10, Palais | Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights | ► Hearing on “The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace” in the context of the report prepared by Mr Davor Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD) | - Ms Katayoun Alidadi, Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, History and Social Sciences Department, Bryant University, Rhode Island, United States (via video conference)  
- Mr Javier Martinez-Torron, Professor of Law, Complutense University, Madrid |
| **2–3.30 pm** | Room 6, Palais | Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media | ► Hearing on “Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions” in the context of the report prepared by Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE) | - Mr Vincent Ven, Head of Integrity, International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), Zürich, Switzerland  
- Mr João Paulo Almeida, Director General, National Olympic Committee of Portugal, Lisbon  
- Mr Coretin Segalen, coordinator of the French National Platform, Autorité de régulation des jeux en ligne (ARJEL), Paris (tbc)  
- Mr Guy Goudesone, Coordinator of the Belgian National Platform, Belgian Federal Judicial Police (tbc)  
- Mr Giancarlo Sergi, Secretary General, Global Lottery Monitoring System (GLMS) and President of the Swiss Basketball Federation, Lausanne, Switzerland |
<p>| <strong>2–3 pm</strong> | Room 8, Palais | Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons | ► Exchange of views on “Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe” in the context of the report prepared by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), with the participation of Ms Magdalena Majkowska-Tomkin, Division Director of Migration and Inclusion, Open Society Initiative for Europe, Berlin (via video-conference) |</p>
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**Room 10, Palais**  
**Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** |
| ► **Hearing “The situation of human rights defenders”** |
| in the context of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders: Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE) with the participation of: |
| - Mr Gerald Staberock, Secretary General, World Organisation Against Torture; Geneva, Switzerland  
- Ms Emma Sinclair-Webb, senior Turkey researcher, Europe and Central Asia division, Human Rights Watch, Istanbul, Turkey  
- Ms Elena Jiménez, Board member, Omnium Cultural, Barcelona, Spain |

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| **2.00 – 3.30 pm**  
**Room 9, Palais**  
**Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** |
| ► **Hearing on the “Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence”**  
(open to the public subject to the decision of the Committee) |
| in the context of the report prepared by Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), with the participation of: |
| - Ms Birgit Schippers, Senior lecturer in Politics, St Mary’s University College, Belfast  
- Mr Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, “Strategies for cross-cutting justice policies and legal actions”, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission  
- Mr Yannick Meneceur, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Information Society and Action against crime Directorate, French magistrate on secondment to the Council of Europe |

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**Room 5, Palais**  
**Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**  
**Committee on the Honouring of Obligations by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** |
| ► **Joint hearing on Eradicating torture in Europe: exchange of views with the CPT on its Annual Report and recent Public Statements** |

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**Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**  
*open to the public* |
<p>| ► <strong>Exchange of views on “Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe”</strong> |
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                      Exchange of views on “The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law”  
                      in the context of the report prepared by Mr Fabien Gouttefarde (France, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Fadi El Abdallah, Spokesperson of the International Criminal Court, The Hague (via video-conference) |
| 2 – 3.30 pm         | Room 7, Palais    | The Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (CETS No.216)  
                      Presentation of the Handbook for parliamentarians on the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs by Mr Kristof Van Assche, Research Professor in Health Law and Kinship Studies, University of Antwerp  
                      with the participation of:  
                      • Mr Jan Kleijsen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate  
                      • Mr Michael Wierer, Deputy Head of Department, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare |
| 2 – 3.30 pm         | Room 8, Palais    | Exchange of views on “Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe”  
                      in the context of the report prepared by Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of:  
                      • Mr. Ado Greve, Open Doors Germany (via video-conference)  
                      • Representative of the TandEM Project of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) (tbc) |