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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1356th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies¹
(09 October 2019)

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¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 30 September 2019 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the end of the year.
I. **Fourth part-session of 2019 (30 September – 4 October 2019)**

A. **Personalities**

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

   - 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
   - Mr Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic
   - Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
   - Mr Rolf Wenzel, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank

2. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: [http://assembly.coe.int](http://assembly.coe.int).

B. **Debate under urgent procedure**

3. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on *Saving persons in the Mediterranean Sea: the need for an urgent answer.*

C. **Current affairs debate**

4. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on *Democratic rights violations and suppression of peaceful protests in the Russian Federation against the background of elections to the Moscow City Council* introduced by Mr Martin Poliačík (Slovak Republic, ALDE).

D. **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights**

5. On 2 October 2019, the Assembly elected Ms Ana Maria Guerra Martins as a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Portugal.

E. **2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

6. On 30 September 2019, the Award Ceremony of the 2019 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize took place in the hemicycle. The prize was awarded to Mr Ilham Tohti (China) and to the NGO Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR). A Diploma was awarded to Mr Buzurgmehr Yorov (Tajikistan) (see Appendix 1). The 2020 edition of the Prize will be launched on 15 January 2020.

F. **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.**

The new complementary procedure had been discussed during the following meetings:

. meeting of the Presidential Committee with the Heads of National Delegations on Tuesday 1 October 2019;
. meeting between the Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers Deputies’ on Wednesday 2 October 2019;
. meeting of the Joint Committee on 3 October 2019.
G. Media coverage

The Autumn Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) generated huge media coverage, with some 150 journalists (+45 per cent compared to the last session) who turned up in Strasbourg to report on it, and 510 articles appearing in the international press (+20 per cent).

The focus of the media attention was the visit of the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, in the context of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe (Associated Press, Euronews, AFP, The Washington Post, Le Figaro…), as well as the non-participation of the Ukrainian delegation in the autumn plenary session and the creation of the so-called Baltic Plus Group (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Spiegel Online, DPA, NZZ, EFE, La Vanguardia, ANSA, UNIAN, Ukrinform, The Baltic Times, Kommersant…).

Awarding of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize to Uyghur scholar and activist Ilham Tohti and the Balkan-based Youth Initiative for Human Rights was certainly one of the highlights of the session, together with the current affairs debate on “Democratic rights violations and suppression of peaceful protests in the Russian Federation against the background of elections to the Moscow City Council” and the first speech before the Assembly of the new Council of Europe Secretary General.

The PACE Twitter account earned 860,000 impressions over the week, compared to 522,000 at the last session, with most activity surrounding the debate on whistleblowers and the winners of the Vaclav Havel Prize. The top tweet – on PACE’s call for strong laws to protect whistleblowers – has been re-tweeted 107 times so far, attracted nearly 2,000 engagements and appeared in some 250,000 timelines. On Facebook, post engagement hit 30,000, with the main information post on the session reaching 73,000.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for both Assembly members and journalists: 66 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded. The teleprompter facility, installed half a year ago, proved its usefulness and helped increase the number of statements made by MPs, and therefore institutional visibility, together with growing use of the tool put in place by the Communication Division which allows MPs and others to download and share clips of their interventions in the plenary on social media etc.

H. Change of name of the European Conservatives Group

We have been informed by the European Conservatives Group of its new name as from 4 October 2019, as follows: European Conservatives Group & Democratic Alliance (EC/DA).
I. **Adopted texts**

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

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J. **Hearings and side-events organised during the part-session**

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| 2–3 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 being prepared by Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC), with the participation of representatives of the NGO Youth initiative for human rights (YIHR), winner ex-aequo of the 2019 Vaclav Havel human rights prize:  
  - Ivan Djuric, Serbia  
  - Edina Hasanaga Cobaj, Montenegro  
  - Nikola Puharić, Croatia  
  - Bojan Stanković, Serbia  
  - Marigona Shabiu, Kosovo* |
| 2–3 pm   | Room 9, Palais | Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy | Exchange of views on “Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation” In the context of the report being prepared by Titus Corlățean (Romania, SOC) with the participation of:  
  - Zoltan Taubner, Director, Directorate of External Relations of the Council of Europe, Head of Brussels office  
  - Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe  
  - Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service |
| 2.15–3 pm| Room 1, Palais | Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination | Joint hearing on “Life after treatment” (of breast cancer) with the participation of:  
  - Liz Egan, Team leader – Macmillan Working Through Cancer Programme, United Kingdom  
  - Julie Daul, psychologist, *Ligue nationale contre le cancer*, Strasbourg (France) |
| 7 pm     | Parvis, Palais | Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development | **Breast Cancer Awareness Event** Illumination in pink of the Palais de l'Europe, with a short speech by PACE President Liliane Maury Pasquier, in the presence of:  
  - Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
  - Gabriella Battaini, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
  - Wojciech Sawicki, PACE Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly |
**Tuesday 1 October 2019**

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<td>in the context of the report being prepared by Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of:</td>
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<td>- Nina Nordström, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe</td>
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<td>- Simone Filippini, President of the Leadership4SDGs Foundation, The Hague</td>
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<td>- Marie-Cécile Naves, PhD in political science, Director of the “Gender and Geopolitics” Observatory at the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS), Paris</td>
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<td>- Vladan Joler, SHARE Foundation co-founder and professor at the New Media Department of the University of Novi Sad, Serbia</td>
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<td>- Vuk Cosić, Expert on AI, culture and creativity, Slovenia</td>
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<td>- Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chair of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe</td>
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<td>- Mikaël Poutiers, Administrator to the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe</td>
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<td>- Rósa Björk Brynjólfsdóttir (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur on “Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children”</td>
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<td>- Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the “Impact of labour migration on left-behind children”</td>
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<td>Magdalena Majkowska-Tomkin, Division Director of Migration and Inclusion, Open</td>
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<td>Gerald Staberock, Secretary General, World Organisation Against Torture, Geneva, Switzerland</td>
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<td>Emma Sinclair-Webb, senior Turkey researcher, Europe and Central Asia division, Human Rights Watch, Istanbul, Turkey</td>
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<td>Elena Jiménez, Board member, Omnium Cultural, Barcelona, Spain</td>
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<td>Professor Pierre Klein, Centre for International Law, Faculty of Law, Free University of Brussels (via video conference)</td>
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<td>Professor Władysław Czapliński, Institute of International Law, Polish Academy of Sciences, Łódź (Poland)</td>
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<td>Paul Nemitz, Principal Advisor, “Strategies for cross-cutting justice policies and legal actions”, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission</td>
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<td>Yannick Meneceur, Information Society and Action against crime Directorate, Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law, French magistrate on secondment to the Council of Europe</td>
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<td>Joint hearing on “Eradicating torture in Europe: exchange of views with the CPT on its Annual Report and recent Public Statements”</td>
<td>- Mykola Gnatovskyy, President of the CPT&lt;br&gt;- Mark Kelly, 1st Vice-President of the CPT&lt;br&gt;- Eva Csergő, Europe and Central Asia Programme Officer, Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT) (video link)</td>
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<td>- Terence Karran, Senior Academic and Director of Research, School of Education, University of Lincoln (via video-conference)&lt;br&gt;- Liviu Matei, Provost of the Central European University, Vienna (via video-conference)&lt;br&gt;- Tony Gallagher, Acting Dean of Research, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Queen's University Belfast</td>
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<td>Exchange of views on “For a European policy on diasporas”</td>
<td>- Varlam Badzaghua, Deputy Director, Department of Diaspora Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia&lt;br&gt;- Pierre-Yves le Borgn’, President, Europeans Throughout the World, Brussels, Belgium</td>
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<td>Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)</td>
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<td>- Sarah Chander, Senior Advocacy Officer, European Network Against Racism (ENAR), Brussels&lt;br&gt;- Hanane Karimi, expert associate, Centre for Intersectional Justice (CIJ), Strasbourg</td>
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**Thursday 3 October 2019**

| 2–2.45 pm | Presentation of the Handbook for parliamentarians on the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (CETS No. 216) |
| Room 7, Palais | Opening by PACE President Liliane Maury Pasquier |
| Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development | Presentation by Kristof Van Assche, Research Professor in Health Law and Kinship Studies, University of Antwerp |
| | Hearing, with the participation of: |
| | • Jan Kleijsen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate |
| | • Marta Lopez Fraga, Scientific Programme Officer, HealthCare Section, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Health Care |

| 2–3.30 pm | Exchange of views on “Violence and discrimination against religious minorities in refugee camps across Europe” |
| Room 8, Palais | in the context of the report being prepared by Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of: |
| Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons | • Ado Greve, Open Doors Germany |
| | • Carla Barbarella, Director, Aliseicoop – social cooperative, Todi, Italy (via video-conference) |
| | • Francis Messner and Clémence Kelche, Inter-Religio project, University of Strasbourg |
| | • Basil Ugorji, President and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (ICERM), New York, USA (via video-conference) |

* Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.
II. **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (24-25 October 2019)**

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament will address the three following themes:

1. “Our Common European Home”: the next 70 years
2. Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals: contribution by Parliaments
3. Women in politics and in the public discourse - What role can national Parliaments play in combatting the increasing level of harassment and hate speech towards female politicians and parliamentarians?

All information is available on the website of the Conference: [http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/conferences](http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/conferences)

You will also find attached the information note which had been forwarded to all delegations end of May 2019, (Appendix 2)

The provisional list of registered Presidents to the Conference will be sent on Thursday 10 October 2019.

III. **Observation of elections**

➢ **Belarus: early parliamentary elections (17 November 2019)**

   On 30 September 2019, the Bureau took note of the invitation letter, decided to observe these elections, and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members and, on 4 October 2019, it approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed Lord Blencathra as its Chairperson (Appendix 3).

IV. **Other decisions taken by the Bureau on 30 September and 4 October 2019**

- **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2020**: on 30 September, the Bureau approved the dates of the meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2020, (Appendix 4).

- **Standing Committee (Tbilissi, 29 November 2019)**: on 4 October, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda of this meeting.

- **First part-session of 2020 (Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2020)**: on 4 October, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 5).

- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019)**: on 4 October, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum (see Appendix 6).

- **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 10-11 October 2019)**: on 4 October, the Bureau approved the final composition of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (see Appendix 7).

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**: on 4 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 Albania, Latvia and Portugal which was subsequently transmitted to the Committee of Ministers.
V. Forthcoming activities of Committees and Networks

➢ On 14 October 2019 in Berlin, the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance will hold a Parliamentary Conference on Counterstrategies against hate-speech – where are we now and what is our goal?

with the participation of:

- Mr Wolfgang Schäuble, President of the German Bundestag;
- Mr Andreas Nick (Germany, EPP/CD), Member of the Bundestag, Head of the German delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly;
- Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, Coordinator of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance;
- Ms Violeta Tomić (Slovenia, UEL), General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people, Member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance;
- Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC), Member of the Bundestag, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, former General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance;
- Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), Member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

➢ On 14 November 2019 (in the morning) in Berlin, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy will hold a hearing on:

  . Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections, in the context of a report being prepared by Mr Hendrik Daems (Belgium, ALDE) with the participation of experts.

➢ On 14 November 2019 (in the afternoon) in Berlin, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy will hold a joint exchange of views on Democracy Hacked? How to respond? in the context of a report prepared by Mr Frithjof Schmidt, (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and of an opinion prepared by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion for the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights with the participation of experts.

➢ On 15 November 2019 in Berlin, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will hold hearings on:

  . Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate? in the context of a report prepared by Mr Boriss Cilevičs, (Latvia, SOC) with the participation of experts;

  . Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems in the context of a report prepared by Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) with the participation of experts;

  . Legal aspects of “autonomous” vehicles in the context of a report prepared by Mr Ziya Altunyaldiz, (Turkey, NR) with the participation of experts.

➢ On 3 December 2019 in Paris, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development will hold exchanges of views on:

  . Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) with the participation of experts;

  . Supporting people with autism and their families, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) with the participation of experts;

  . Impact of labour migration on left-behind children, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Viorel Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) with the participation of experts;
On 5-6 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold:

- a hearing on *Football governance and ethics: business or values?* in the context of a report prepared by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of experts;
- an exchange of views on *The Museum Prize 2020 of the Council of Europe* with the participation of Mr Mark O’Neill, President of the Jury of the Museum Prize;
- an exchange of views on *Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Roland Rino Büchel, (Switzerland, ALDE) with the participation of experts;

On 9 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will hold:

- an exchange of views with OECD experts;
- a hearing on *Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence*, in the context of a report being prepared by Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD) with the participation of experts;
- a hearing on *Countering ill democracies in Europe*, in the context of a report being prepared by Marie-Christine Dalloz (France, EPP/CD) with the participation of experts.

### VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of preparation of reports

#### Gender dimension of foreign policy

**Ms Petra Stienen** (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm on **10-11 October 2019**.

**Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe**

**Ms Petra Bayr** (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Helsinki on **17-18 October 2019**.

**The honouring of obligations and commitments by Albania**

**Mr Andrej Hunko** (Germany, UEL) and **Mr Joseph O’Reilly** (Ireland, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), will carry out a fact-finding visit to Albania from **28 to 30 October 2019**.

**Organ transplant tourism**

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel in **November 2019**.

**Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children**

**Ms Sahiba Gafarova** (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Greece in **November 2019**.

**Supporting people with autism and their families**

**Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva** (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, will carry out a fact-finding visit to London, on **10-11 December 2019** (dates tbc).
In the context of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Mr Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE) General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders for the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Paris at the beginning of December 2019 (date tbc).

VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

On 14-15 October 2019, Strasbourg: The Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD) will organise the Fifth Capacity Building Seminar for staff members of national parliaments of member States, on the role of national parliaments in implementing the European Convention on Human Rights and the execution of ECHR judgments, with the participation of delegations from the following countries: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland and Romania.


On 19-20 November 2019, Strasbourg: The Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD) will organise a Capacity Building Seminar for staff members of the Parliaments of Armenia and Georgia on “National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe”, in the framework of the Action Plan for Georgia 2019-2020;

On 2-3 December 2019, Tbilisi: The Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD) will organise a “Regional Parliamentary Conference on preventing and responding to the misuse of administrative resources during electoral processes: the role of national parliaments”, for members of the Parliaments of Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

16 December 2019, Tbilisi: The Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies will organise a regional conference.

VIII. Co-operation 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 and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers Deputies’ was held in Strasbourg on Wednesday 2 October 2019.

The Joint Committee met in Strasbourg on Thursday 3 October 2019.

The next joint meetings between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers are provisionally scheduled for Friday 15 November 2019 in Berlin (tbc) and for Thursday 12 December 2019 in Paris.

A meeting of the Presidential Committee with the Heads of National Delegations will be held on Friday 29 November 2019 afternoon in Tbilisi.
IX. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

➢ On 3 October 2019 in Strasbourg, the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on “the recent amendments to the legal framework in Ukraine governing the Supreme Court and judicial self-governing bodies.”

➢ 66th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (10 October 2019): Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC) and Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) will attend the meeting.

The Venice Commission will provide legal assistance and accompany the delegation of the Assembly during the election observation mission for the early parliamentary elections in Belarus on 17 November 2019.

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

. 13 November 2019, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

. 14 November 2019, Berlin: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

. 14 (afternoon) - 15 November 2019, Berlin: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

. 28 November 2019, Tbilisi: Presidential Committee (morning)

. 28 November 2019, Tbilisi: Bureau of the Assembly (afternoon)

. 29 November 2019, Tbilisi: Standing Committee

. 2 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

. 3 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

. 4 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

. 5-6 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

. 9 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

. 10 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

. 11 December 2019, Paris: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

. 12 December 2019, Paris: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs (tbc)

. 12 December 2019, Paris: Presidential Committee

. 13 December 2019, Paris: Bureau of the Assembly (morning)

. 13 December 2019, Paris: Meeting of the secretaries of national delegations (afternoon)
2019 Václav Havel Prize shared by Ilham Tohti and the Youth Initiative for Human Rights

Strasbourg, 30.09.2019 - The seventh Václav Havel Human Rights Prize – which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights – has been awarded jointly to imprisoned Uyghur intellectual Ilham Tohti from China and the Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR), which brings together young people from across the Balkans to promote reconciliation.

The prize was presented at a special ceremony today in Strasbourg, on the opening day of the autumn plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

Ilham Tohti, a renowned Uyghur public intellectual in China, has worked for over 20 years to improve the situation of the Uyghur minority and to foster inter-ethnic dialogue and understanding in China. In September 2014, he was sentenced to life imprisonment. The prize was received on his behalf by Enver Can of the Ilham Tohti Initiative.

The Youth Initiative for Human Rights, established in 2003, promotes reconciliation through building connections between young people across the Balkans from different ethnic groups, regions and countries. By working together for human rights, they aim to build links that can prevent the re-emergence of ethnic conflict in the region.

The action taken by the two prizewinners “carries a message of hope for all those who aspire to build a better world, one where the dignity, rights and basic liberties of everyone are respected and guaranteed,” said PACE President Liliane Maury Pasquier. “Today, as we show our recognition and support for them, we also send a message of hope to the millions of people they represent and for whom they work. Human rights have no frontiers.”

A representative of the third shortlisted nominee, imprisoned human rights lawyer Buzurgmehr Yorov from Tajikistan, also received a diploma during the ceremony.

The Václav Havel Human Rights Prize is awarded each year by PACE, in partnership with the Václav Havel Library and the Charter 77 Foundation, “to honour outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights in Europe and beyond”. It consists of a sum of 60,000 euros, a trophy and a diploma.

Since 2013, the Prize has been awarded in turn 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.
Introduction

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament brings together Speakers and Presidents of the Parliaments of the 47 Member States of the Council of Europe; of parliaments enjoying Observer or Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and of international parliamentary assemblies. The Parliaments of Central Asia and Maghreb are also associated. For bicameral parliaments both Speakers are invited to attend the Conference. It takes place every other year, in Strasbourg or in a host country.

This year's Conference will deal with the following issues:

➢ “Our Common European Home”: the next 70 years
➢ Implementing the UN 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals: contribution by Parliaments
➢ Women in politics and in the public discourse - What role can national Parliaments play in combating the increasing level of harassment and hate speech towards female politicians and parliamentarians?

In the margins of the Conference, the Secretaries General of Parliament will meet on Friday 25 October 2019 (from 8.30 to 10 am).

Registration of delegations / Badges

The online registration of delegations has been open since end of April.

The deadline for registration for the Conference is 15 October 2019. After this date, registration and changes to registration should be made by sending an email to the Secretariat of the Conference (sap.speakersconference2019@coe.int).

The registration and information desk, located in the main hall of the Palais, will be open:

. Wednesday 23 October from 9.00 to 17.00
. Thursday 24 October from 8.00 to 19.00
. Friday 25 October from 8.00 to 13.00

Permanent Representations are invited to collect as early as possible starting from Wednesday 23 October, the files and badges for their national delegations.

Accommodation

A block-booking has been made at several hotels in Strasbourg (3 to 5 stars). In order to benefit from the negotiated rates, room reservations should be made before 3 September 2019. The list of the hotels is available in appendix. The list of hotels may also be obtained should delegations wish to book rooms prior to registration. Please contact the Secretariat of the Conference for this purpose (sap.speakersconference2019@coe.int).
It is advisable to book as early as possible in order to secure the rooms and room categories of your choice in your preferred hotel. There will be no cancellation fees if hotel rooms are cancelled prior to the deadline. After the registration deadline, hotel rooms are subject to availability.

Please note that the above information has already been transmitted to delegations.

**Interpretation and documents**

Conference documents will be available in **English and French**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into and from English, French, German, Italian and [Russian].

Any delegation requiring interpretation of the speech of their President by their own interpreter will be given access to an interpretation booth. For any request, please contact the Conference Secretariat.

Additional booths can be allocated, in chronological order of requests made, for simultaneous interpretation in other languages. Please note that these requests must comply with the working conditions of interpreters working for the Council of Europe.

**List of speakers / Speeches**

Presidents (or Vice-Presidents) can already register in the list of speakers (for one or more themes) contacting the Secretariat of the Conference via the mailbox (sap.speakersconference2019@coe.int) or the Table Office (office 1087, 1st floor) during the Conference.

The order of the speakers in the speaking list will be determined by the drawing of lots organised during the meeting of Secretaries of national delegations (24 October from 9 to 10 am). The list thus established will be distributed as soon as possible to allow speakers to know when they will be called to address the Conference.

Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list in the order in which they have registered.

In order to facilitate the work of the interpreters, speakers are invited to provide in advance a copy of any written speeches to the Table Office via the mailbox of the Secretariat of the Conference.

**Bilateral meetings**

Three meeting rooms will be at the disposal of participants for the purpose of bilateral talks. Should a meeting room be required, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference via the mailbox (sap.speakersconference2019@coe.int) or the Table Office, (office 1087, 1st floor) during the Conference.

**Lunches/receptions**

Should Permanent Representations wish to offer hospitality to the Speaker of their Parliament, they may want to consider the option of Wednesday evening before the beginning of the Conference or Thursday evening after the reception at the Pavillon Joséphine.

Invitation cards for the official lunch hosted by the President of the Assembly on 24 October will be included in the files of participants. The Ambassador, or his/her representative, will also be invited to this lunch.
Press service

Press facilities (fully-equipped press room in Room 4, 2nd floor), press conference room (Room 1, 2nd floor), video and audio footage as well as photographs can be provided upon request.

The media box will also be available. This multimedia studio located right next to the Chamber enable to record short video clips, statements or interviews to be shared on social media, published on a website or blog or to be sent by e-mail.

For further information, please contact: pace.com@coe.int.


The Conference will be broadcast online on the Parliamentary Assembly’s website.

Offices for delegations

Delegations of Parliaments of member states, Observers, as well as Partners for Democracy dispose of a permanent office in the Palais de l’Europe (the list will be available in the kit).

Other delegations will be provided with an office upon their arrival.

Transportation and welcome at Strasbourg airport/ transport

Participants will be welcomed on their arrival at Strasbourg/Entzheim airport by members of the Secretariat of the Assembly

We expect that in the spirit of good cooperation already demonstrated on many occasions, the transfers:

1. from and to the airport/hotel
2. to and from hotels and the Conference venue
3. if necessary the transport to the Pavillon Josephine on 24 October (possibility of access directly to the Pavillon by car only for Heads of delegation)

will be provided by the Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe of the countries concerned.

For delegation(s) which do not have a representation in Strasbourg, or in case of a specific request, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference (sap.speakersconference2019@coe.int).

From early October, a contact person amongst the secretariat of the Assembly will be responsible for this matter and will be available to arrange transport.

Access to the forecourt // parking official cars

Upon presentation of car access passes, cars from permanent representations will be allowed to drop off their delegations on the forecourt and then, if need be, the parking opposite to the Palais (alongside the Orangerie) will be made available for them.

Permanent Representations are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the Conference about the exact number of car access passes needed. These passes will be available together with files and badges as from 23 October at the registration desk in the entrance hall of the Palais.
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Parliaments and International Organisations invited to the Conference

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24 – 25 October 2019
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- Double Suite: 205 €, **breakfast in addition (13.50 €/day)**  
- Single charme: 169 €  
- Double charme: 169 €, **breakfast in addition (13.50 €/day)** | www.hotel-beaucour.com                        |
| Hôtel Diana Dauphine       | 4 *    | Tél. +33 (0)3 88 36 26 61 Fax : +33 (0)3 88 35 50 07 info@hotel-diana-dauphine.com   | 10 rooms (23 Oct) | - Single standard: 190 € (23/10) and 159 € (24/10)  
- Double standard: 190 € (23/10) and 159 € (24/10) | www.hotel-diana-dauphine.com                  |
| Novotel Strasbourg Centre  | 4 *    | Tél : +33 (0)3 88 21 50 56 Fax : +33 (0)3 88 21 50 51 H0439@accor.com                | 5 rooms (23 Oct)  | - Single standard: 180 € (23/10) and 135 € (24/10 and 25/10)  
- Double standard: 195 € (23/10) and 147 € (24/10 and 25/10) | www.novotel.com/0439                          |
| Mercure Strasbourg Centre  | 4 *    | Tél : +33 (0)3 90 22 70 70 Fax : +33 (0)3 90 22 70 71 H1106@accor.com                 | 5 rooms (23 Oct)  | - Single Standard: 200 € (23/10) and 120 € (24/10 and 25/10)  
- Double / Twin Standard: 215 € (23/10) and 135 € (24/10 and 25/10) | www.mercure-strasbourg-centre.com            |
| Golden Tulip The Garden     | 4 *    | Tél : +33 (0)3 88 10 10 47 sli@goldentulipstrasbourgthegarden.com                    | 15 rooms (23 Oct) | - Superior single: 180 €  
- Superior double: 197 €  
- Deluxe single: 200 €  
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**Important:**

- When booking please specify the following code: « *Conference Presidents Strasbourg 2019* »
- Rates are valid until **3 September 2019** – subject to availability
- Local tax for the City of Strasbourg is 3.30 €/person/day for 5 stars hotels, 2.45 € for 4 stars hotels and 1.65€ for 3 stars hotels.
- **The breakfast (buffet) is included in the above-mentioned rates, except for the Hotel Beaucour (and for the second person only)**
- Some hotels apply different rates between 23 and 24 Oct because of the EP parliamentary session
- A credit card will be required to guarantee the reservation, whereas the payment will be made at the hotel directly
- The cancellation policies are specific to each hotel
- Twin room: room with two separated beds
Appendix 3

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BUREAU FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE EARLY PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN BELARUS

17 November / novembre 2019

COMMISSION AD HOC DU BUREAU POUR L’OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES ANTICIPEES AU BELARUS

List of members / Liste des membres

Chairperson / Président: Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom (EC/DA) / Royaume-Uni (CE/AD)

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Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie
Ms / Mme Laurence TRASTOUR-ISNART, France
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Mr / M. Kimmo KILJUNEN, Finland / Finlande
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Mr / M. Sos AVETISYAN, Armenia / Arménie
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse

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Ms / Mme Esther PEÑA, Spain / Espagne *
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
Mr / M. Ervin BUSHATI, Albania / Albanie

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Lord Richard BALFE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Mikayel MELKUMYAN, Armenia / Arménie

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Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Ms / Mme Emilie Enger MEHL, Norway / Norvège

Substitutes / Suppléants
Mr / M. Zeki Hakan SIDALI, Turkey / Turquie
Mr / M. Edmon MARUKYAN, Armenia / Arménie
Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique *

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)
Mr / M. Antón GÓMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne *

Substitutes / Suppléants
Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise
Ms / Mme Katharina PABEL, Austria / Autriche, substitute member / membre suppléant
Mr / M. Michael JANSSEN, Legal advisor / Conseiller juridique

Appendix 4

Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2020

Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly

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First part of the 2020 Ordinary Session
(27-31 January 2020)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

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¹. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 4 October 2019.
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
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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

Bureau of the Assembly
Monday: 08:00-09:30
Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees
Monday: 14:00-15:30
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: 17:00-18:30
Wednesday: 08:30-10:00
Monday 27 January 2020

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

1. Opening of the part-session
   1.1. Examination of credentials
      □ List of delegations:
         ○ (Doc.)
   1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2020) ...)
   1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2020) ...)
   1.4. Appointment of members of committees (Commissions (2020) ... + Add. ...)
   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 the Standing Committee (Tbilisi, 29 November 2019) (AS/Per (2019) PV 03)

2. Debate
   2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
      □ Presentation by:
         ○ Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
   2.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Belarus (17 November 2019)
      □ Presentation by:
         ○ Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur (Doc.)
      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 10.00)

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

3. Debate (continued)
   3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
   3.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Belarus (17 November 2019)
      List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 10:00)
      [possibly] Vote

4. Address (16:00-17:00)
   4.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
      □ Presentation by:
         ○ Mr David ZALKALIANI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (tbc)
      Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 12:00)
Tuesday 28 January 2020

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 (Doc.)

6. Debate
   6.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland
         □ Presentation by:
             o Ms Azadeh ROJHAN GUSTAFSSON (Sweden, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
             o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

   □ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
   ○ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
   □ Vote on ... ()

7. Address (12:00-13:00)
   7.1. Ms Salome ZURABISHVILI, President of Georgia
         Speech (12:00-12:20)
         Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

   □ Questions

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 Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ

   □ Questions

10. Debate
    10.1. Democracy hacked? How to respond?
          □ Presentation by:
              o Mr Frithjof SCHMIDT (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/POL (Doc.)
              o Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)

    □ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 28 January, 12:00)
    ○ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
    □ Vote on ... ()
11. Debate

11.1. Threats to media freedom and journalists’ security in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - Lord George FOULKES (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 28 January, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
- Vote on ... ()
Wednesday 29 January 2020

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. Debate
   13.1. Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution
      - Presentation by:
        - Mr Frédéric REISS (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

14. Address (12:00-13:00)
   14.1. Ms Maia SANDU, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova (tbc)
      - Speech (12:00-12:20)
      - Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

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. Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan
      - Presentation by:
        - Ms Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

17. Debate
   17.1. Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections
      - Presentation by:
        - Mr Hendrik DAEMS (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
        - Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
        - Sir Edward LEIGH (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)
Thursday 30 January 2020

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

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

19. Address (12:00-13:00)
   19.1. Invited personality (tbc)
       Speech (12:00-12:20)
       Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

Questions

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

20. Joint debate
   20.1. Organ transplant tourism
       Presentation by:
       o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )
   20.2. Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells
       Presentation by:
       o Ms Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 12:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 29 January, 16:00)
Vote on ...

21. Debate
   21.1. The progress of the Assembly’s monitoring procedure (January-December 2019)
       Presentation by:
       o Sir Roger GALE (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. )

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.
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Sitting No. 9 (10:00-13:00)

22. Debate
   22.1. The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace
         Presentation by:
         o Mr Davor Ivo STIER (Croatia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
         o Sir Jeffrey DONALDSON (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

         List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 19:00)
         Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 30 January, 10:30)
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23. Joint debate
   23.1. Concerted action on human trafficking
         Presentation by:
         o Mr Vernon COAKER (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
         o Ms Isabelle RAUCH (France, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

   23.2. Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe
         Presentation by:
         o Ms Serap YAŞAR (Turkey, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)

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24. [Possibly] Debate
   24.1. Free debate
         List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 19:00)

25. Progress report
   25.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)
         Addendum:
         o (Doc. ...... Add. 3)

26. Closure of the part-session
Appendix 6

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Commission ad hoc pour participer au Forum mondial de la démocratie du 6 au 8 novembre 2019 à Strasbourg

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