

## Information documents

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# Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1365<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (22 January 2020)

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 28 November 2019 (Strasbourg) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 27 January 2020 (Strasbourg).

## **I. Decisions taken by the Bureau (28 November and 13 December 2019)**

### **A. First part-session of 2020 (27-31 January 2020)**

On 13 December 2019, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda (Appendix 1).

The Assembly has received the list of candidates for the post of judge to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to France. The election will take place on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on Thursday 30 January 2020 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**

#### **➤ Belarus: early parliamentary elections (17 November 2019)**

On 28 November 2019, the Bureau took note of the press release and on 13 December 2019, it approved the report of the ad hoc committee.

#### **➤ Azerbaijan: early parliamentary elections (9 February 2020)**

On 13 December 2019, the Bureau decided to observe these elections and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 30 members (EPP/CD: 10; SOC: 9; ALDE: 5; EC/DA: 4; UEL: 2 - 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; on 19 December 2019, the Bureau decided, following a written consultation, to appoint Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC) as Chairperson of this ad hoc committee.

#### **➤ Uzbekistan: parliamentary elections (22 December 2019)**

On 13 December 2019, the Bureau took note of the invitation received and decided not to observe these elections.

#### **➤ Schedule of elections for 2020**

On 13 December 2019, the Bureau took note of the elections calendar for 2020.

### **C. Other decisions taken by the Bureau at its meetings on 28 November and 13 December 2019**

➤ **External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly:** on 28 November, the Bureau considered the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, asked the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to reflect upon the relations with the OSCE and its Parliamentary Assembly as well as with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and on the special guest and observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly. It approved the guidelines on external relations of the Parliamentary Assembly to be ratified by the Assembly through the Progress Report;

➤ **Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe:** on 28 November, the Bureau considered the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, approved the timetable of the election and asked the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers;

- **Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2020 financial year:** on 13 December, the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly;
- **Parliamentary co-operation activities: work plan 2020:** on 13 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 13 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 2020:** on 13 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.
- **Dates of the April 2020 Assembly's part-session:** on 28 November, the Bureau considered the request by the Serbian delegation to modify the dates and invited the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to submit proposals at its next meeting. On 13 December, the Bureau considered the document prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and decided to modify the organisation of this part-session (Appendix 4).

## II. Prizes

### ➤ Council of Europe Museum Prize

At its meeting on 6 December 2019, in Paris, the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media decided to award the 2020 Museum Prize to the National Museum of Secret Surveillance "House of Leaves", Albania. The award ceremony will take place on 21 April 2020 in *Palais Rohan*, Strasbourg.

### ➤ Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

On 13 December 2019, the Bureau took note of the calendar of the 2020 edition of the Prize;

On 15 January 2020, the Assembly launched a call for nominations for the 2020 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize (Appendix 5).

The deadline for presenting nominations is **30 April 2020**. Website: [Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize](#)

## III. Activities of Committees and Networks

- On 2 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** held exchanges of views:
  - . on *Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Bruno L'ecuyer, Chief Executive and member of the Governing Board, Investment Migration Council, Geneva.
  - . with Ms Geneviève Wills, World Food Programme (WFP), Director for France and Monaco.
- On 3 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**
  - . held an exchange 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 Ms Corinna Engelhardt-Nowitzki, Head of the Industrial Engineering department, University of Applied Sciences, Vienna.

- On 4 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** held hearings on:
  - . *The gender dimension of foreign policy*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, SOC) with the participation of Ms Agnès Von Der Mühl, Director, Press and Communication Directorate, Spokesperson of the Quai d'Orsay, Senior Official for equality of rights between men and women, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France; Ms Isabelle Hudon, Ambassador of Canada to France and Ms Jennifer Cassidy, Departmental Lecturer in Global Governance and Diplomacy, Oxford University;
  - . *Preserving Europe's linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues and Ms Petra Roter, Associate Professor, Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, former President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities;
  - . *Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC) with the participation of Mr Christiaan van Veen, Director of the Digital Welfare State and Human Rights Project, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law; Special Advisor on new technologies and human rights to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (by video-conference).
- On 5-6 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held:
  - . 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: Mr Alan Tomlinson, Professor of Leisure Studies at the University of Brighton, United Kingdom; Mr Miguel Poiares Maduro, Director of the School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute, Fiesole (Florence), Italy; Ms Sylvia Schenk, Chair of the Working Group on Sport at Transparency International Germany; Mr Stanislas Frossard, Executive secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), DGII-Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe and Mr Julien Zylberstein, Chief Adviser, Political Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, UEFA, by video-conference;
  - . an exchange of views on the *Museum Prize of the Council of Europe 2020* with Mr Mark O'Neill, Chairperson of the Jury for the Museum Prize to make the decision on the prize winner for 2020 and decided to award the 2020 prize to the National Museum of Secret Surveillance "House of Leaves", Albania.
- On 10 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** held:
  - . an exchange of views on *Abolition of the Death Penalty* in the context of an information note prepared by the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) with the participation of Ms Chiara Sangiorgio, Adviser on the Death Penalty, Amnesty International, London;
  - . a hearing on *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10<sup>th</sup> report, Romania* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) with the participation of Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC).
  - . a hearing on *Judges in Poland and in the Republic of Moldova must remain independent* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andrea Orlando, (Italy, SOC) with the participation of Mr Massimo Frigo, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, Switzerland (by video conference); Ms Andrea Huber, Deputy Chief, Rule of Law Unit, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland and Mr Richard Barrett, member of the Venice Commission for Ireland.

➤ On 11 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** held an exchange of views on *the post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Anne Mulder (Netherlands, ALDE) and Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Nikola Marković, President of the Commission for monitoring actions of the competent authorities in the investigation of cases of threats and violence against journalists, murders of journalists and attacks on media property of Montenegro.

➤ On 16 December 2019 in Rovaniemi (Finland), **the Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, held exchange of views on:

. *Developments in the Arctic region and opportunities for international co-operation*, with the participation of Mr Timo Koivurova, Research Professor, Director of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland; Mr Eirik Sivertsen, Chairperson of the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Member of the Norwegian Parliament; Mr Einar Gunnarsson, Ambassador Arctic Affairs, Chairperson of the Senior Arctic Officials, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland; Ms Torill Eidsheim, Special representative on Arctic Issues of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Member of the Norwegian Parliament; and Mr Jason Tolland, Ambassador of Canada to Finland;

. *Climate change in the Arctic*, with the participation of Mr Bruce Forbes, Research Professor, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland;

. *UArctic: universities collaborating in and about the Arctic for a sustainable world*, with the participation of Mr Scott Forrest, Chief Communications Officer, UArctic.

➤ On 16 January 2020 in Paris, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** held exchange of views on:

. *The honouring of obligations by Malta*, with the participation of Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the report on *Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges* (video link);

. *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) and Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Giorgi Burjanadze, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia, Mr Irakli Kobakhidze, Member of Parliament of Georgia, Georgian Dream, Ms Tamar Chugoshvili (Georgia, SOC), Chairperson of the PACE Delegation of Georgia, Independent, and Mr Giorgi Kandelaki (Georgia, EPP/CD), European Georgia.

. *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) and Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), with the participation of Mr Vladimir Orlić, Chairperson of the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee of the Serbian National Assembly, Deputy Head of the Serbian Progressive Party Parliamentary Group, Ms Tanja Fajon (Slovenia, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats), Chairperson of the Delegation to the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee of the European Parliament and Member of the Parliamentary Delegation of facilitators in the "inter-Party Dialogue" in the National Assembly of Serbia and Ms Vukosava Crnjanski, Director of the Centre for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA).

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

- ***Artificial Intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?***

and

- ***Artificial intelligence in health care: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead***

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC) and **Ms Selin Sayek Böke** (Turkey, SOC) Rapporteurs of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the ILO and WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland on **16-17 January 2020**.

#### **V. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly**

**16 December 2019, Tbilisi:** The *Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies* (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) organised a regional conference on Diasporas' active participation in state-building processes.

#### **VI. Relations with the Committee of Ministers**

On 16 January 2020 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 30 January 2020 from 12 noon to 1pm (room 5).

#### **VII. Co-operation with the Venice Commission**

- On 4 December 2019, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on amendments to the Latvian legislation on education in minority languages, in the framework of the preparation of the report on *Preserving Europe's linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity* (Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD).

- **67th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (5 December 2019):** Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC) attended the session.

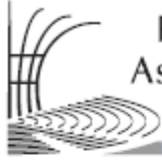
- On 12 December 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs** heard a presentation by Mr Richard Barrett (Member of the Venice Commission in respect of Ireland, co-author) of the opinion of the Venice Commission on the compliance with Council of Europe and other international standards of the inclusion of a not internationally recognised territory into a nationwide constituency for parliamentary elections, requested by the committee, in the context of the Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian delegation (rapporteur: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Lithuania, EPP/CD). The presentation was followed by an exchange of views.

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

- . **2 December 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **3 December 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **4 December 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **5 and 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 Decembre 2019, Paris:** *Monitoring Committee*
- . **12 December 2019, Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **12 December 2019, Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **13 December 2019, Paris:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **13 December 2019, Paris:** *Meeting of the Secretaries of National Delegations*
- . **16 December 2019, Rovaniemi (Finland):** *Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **16 January 2020, Paris:** *Monitoring Committee*
- . **16 January 2020, Paris:** *Presidential Committee and Joint meeting of the Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Committee of Ministers*
- . **17 January 2020, Paris:** *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **26 January 2020, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **26 January 2020, Strasbourg:** *Seminar for new members of the Assembly*

## Appendix 1





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

Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 13 December 2019.

## Abbreviations

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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/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance





ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### 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: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 27 January 2020

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

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Examination of credentials
  - List of delegations:
    - o (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
  - 1.5.1. Current affairs debate: "Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?"
  - 1.5.2. Urgent procedure debate: "Ongoing violation of the rule of law, human rights and democracy in Turkey: what to do best to help Turkey to get again in line with Council of Europe core values and standards?"
- 1.6. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.7. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Strasbourg, 29 November 2019) (AS/Per (2019) PV 03)

#### 2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
    - Presentation by:
      - o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
  - 2.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Belarus (17 November 2019)
    - Presentation by:
      - o Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur (Doc. 15012)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 10:00)

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

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#### 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:
      - o Mr David ZALKALIANI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 12:00)

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## Tuesday 28 January 2020

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

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#### 5. Election (10:00-13:00)

##### 5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
  - France (Doc. 15008)

#### 6. Debate

##### 6.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Ms Azadeh ROJHAN GUSTAFSSON (Sweden, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15025)
  - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15025)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15025)

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

##### 7.1. Ms Salome ZOURABICHVILI, President of Georgia

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

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

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#### 8. Election (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:
  - Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ

- 📄 Questions

#### 10. Debate

##### 10.1. Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations

- ☐ Presentation by:
  - Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15024)
- 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 28 January, 12:00)
- 🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15024)

## 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. 15021)
- ▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 28 January, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 27 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15021)

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## Wednesday 29 January 2020

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

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

12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 13. Debate

13.1. The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Davor Ivo STIER (Croatia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15015)
- Sir Jeffrey DONALDSON (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 28 January, 19:30)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 28 January, 10:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15015)

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

14.1. Mr Igor DODON, President of the Republic of Moldova

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

📅 Questions

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

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#### 15. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (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. 15020)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 29 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 28 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15020)

#### 17. Debate

17.1. Democracy hacked? How to respond?

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Frithjof SCHMIDT (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15028)
- Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 29 January, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 28 January, 16:00)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15028)

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## Thursday 30 January 2020

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

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#### 18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>2</sup>

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

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#### 19. Joint debate

##### 19.1. Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Vernon COAKER (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15023)
  - Ms Isabelle RAUCH (France, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. )

##### 19.2. Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Serap YAŞAR (Turkey, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15026)
  - Lord Don TOUHIG (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. 15032)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 11:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 29 January, 16:00)

⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15023)

⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15026)

#### 20. Debate

##### 20.1. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2019)

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

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 11:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 29 January, 16:00)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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## Friday 31 January 2020

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

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#### 21. Debate

##### 21.1. 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. 15027)
- 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. )

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 19:00)

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

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15027)

#### 22. Joint debate

##### 22.1. Organ transplant tourism

###### ▣ Presentation by:

- Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15029)

##### 22.2. Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells

###### ▣ Presentation by:

- Ms Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15022)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 19:00)

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

⚖ Vote on a draft recommendation (Doc. 15022)

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15029)

#### 23. Debate

##### 23.1. Free debate

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 30 January, 19:00)

#### 24. Progress report

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

###### ▣ Addendum:

- (Doc. .... Add. 3)

#### 25. Constitution of the Standing Committee

#### 26. Closure of the part-session



## Appendix 2

### AS/CM-Mix (2020) OJ 1

8 January 2020

## Joint Committee

### Draft agenda

of the meeting to be held on Thursday 30 January 2020, 12.00 noon  
at the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg (Room 5)

#### 1. Agenda

[AS/CM-Mix (2020) OJ 1]

Adoption of the draft agenda.

#### 2. Minutes

[AS/CM-Mix (2019) PV3]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 3 October 2019

#### 3. Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations

Exchange of views

#### 4. Other business

#### 5. Date and place of next meeting

To members of the Assembly's delegation to the Joint Committee  
*cc: for information to secretaries of national delegations and political groups*

**THIS DOCUMENT IS ALSO THE CONVOCATION TO THE MEETING**

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

| Monday 27 January 2020  |  |
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| <p><b>2–3 pm</b><br/><b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs,<br/>Health and Sustainable<br/>Development</p> | <p>► <b>Public Hearing on “Impact of labour migration on left-behind children”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Viorel Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Elena Madan, Country Director, Terre des hommes Moldova</li> <li>• Ms Tatiana Puiu, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>2.30–3 pm</b><br/><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs<br/>and Democracy</p>                     | <p>► <b>Exchange of views with Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</b></p>  |
| Tuesday 28 January 2020   |  |
| <p><b>8.30–10 am</b><br/><b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs<br/>and Democracy</p>                    | <p>► <b>Hearing on the “Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence” (open to the public subject to the decision of the committee)</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Dirk Pilat, Deputy Director of the Science, Technology and Innovation Directorate of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>• Mr Dario Fumagalli, legal expert in the field of privacy protection</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>8.30 –10 am</b><br/><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs<br/>and Human Rights</p>                   | <p>► <b>Hearing on “The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Frank Schwabe, (Germany, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Neamat Abumuslimova, Witness</li> <li>• Mr Ahmed Musaevich Seriev, Witness</li> <li>• Mr Oleg Petrovich Orlov, Head of Human Rights Center Memorial’s program “Hot spots”, Moscow</li> <li>• Mr. Ibragim Khadaev, Witness</li> </ul>   |

| Tuesday 28 January 2020   |  |
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| <p><b>9–10 am</b><br/><b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>             | <p>▶ <b>Hearing on “Violence against women with disabilities”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Ana Peláez Narváez, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Vice-President of the European Disability Forum and Executive Vice-President of CERMI Women’s Foundation</li> <li>• Ms Claire Desaint, Co-President of <i>Femmes pour le Dire, Femmes pour Agir</i> (FDFA), Paris</li> <li>• Ms Sarah Woodin, Senior Research Fellow, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2–2.45 pm</b><br/><b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>           | <p>▶ <b>Exchange of views on the “Impact of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention”</b></p> <p>with the participation of Ms Elisabeth Walaas, Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe</p>   |
| <p><b>2–3.30 pm</b><br/><b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> | <p>▶ <b>Exchange of views on “Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), with the participation of a representative of the Expert Council on NGO Law (tbc)</p> <p>▶ <b>Exchange of views on the protection of migrant and refugee children</b> with the participation of a representative of the NGO Safe Passage, London (tbc)</p>   |
| Wednesday 29 January 2020   |  |
| <p><b>2.30– 3.30 pm</b><br/><b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>       | <p>▶ <b>Exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe</b></p>  |
| Thursday 30 January 2020  |  |
| <p><b>8.30–9.30 am</b><br/><b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>        | <p>▶ <b>Hearing on “Countering ill democracies in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz (France, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Larry Diamond, Senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies of the Stanford University (via video link)</p>  |

**Thursday 30 January 2020**

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| <p><b>8.30 – 9.30 am</b><br/><b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>   | <p>► <b>Hearing on “Combatting Afrophobia in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Mireille Fanon-Mendes-France, legal expert, Chair of the Frantz Fanon Foundation, Former Chair of the Working group on People African Descent, Human Rights Council, UNO</li> <li>• Ms Mischa Thompson, Director of Global Partnerships, Policy, and Innovation, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission), Washington, USA</li> <li>• Mr Wouter van Bellingen, Board member, European Network against Racism (ENAR)</li> </ul>     |
| <p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b><br/><b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>  | <p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Lora Pappa, Founder, President and CEO, METAdrasi – Action for Migration and Development, Athens</li> <li>• Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe</li> </ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views Mr Drahoslav Stefanek, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees</b></p> |
| <p><b>8.30 – 10.00 am</b><br/><b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>  | <p>► <b>Hearing “The principles and guarantees of advocates”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Aleksandr Bashkin (Russian Federation, NR) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Vakhtang Fedorov, Senior partner of the Moscow Bar Association "Legis Group", Lawyer Chamber of Moscow</li> <li>• Mr Laurent Pettiti, Chair of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Human Rights, Suresnes, France</li> <li>• Ms Maria Ślężak, President of the European Association of Lawyers, Starogard Gdański, Poland</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>9.00 – 10.00 am</b><br/><b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> | <p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC) with the participation of members of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCI) 2020-2021</p> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on revitalising pluralistic democracy with Ms Anja Olin Pape, Chair of the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) and Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), with the participation of members of the CCJ 2020-2021</b></p>   |

**Thursday 30 January 2020**

**2 – 3.30 pm**  
**Room 7, Palais**

Committee on Social Affairs,  
Health and Sustainable  
Development

► **Hearing on “Supporting people with autism and their families”**

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), with the participation of:

- Mr Daniel Morgan Jones, “The Aspie World”, UK
- Mr Klaus Vavrik, “Liga für Kinder- und Jugendgesundheit” (association for child and adolescent health), Austria (*to be confirmed*)

**2 – 3.30 pm**  
**Room 8, Palais**

Committee on Migration,  
Refugees and Displaced  
Persons

► **Exchange of views on the “situation of migrant children”** with the participation of Senator Héctor Vasconcelos, Chairperson of the Mexican Observer delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly and Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Mexican Senate

Appendix 4 – April 2020 part-session ( 20-24 April)

| Monday 20 April  | Tuesday 21 April   | Wednesday 22 April   | Thursday 23 April  | Friday 24 April  |
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| 11.00 - Bureau   | 08:30 - Committees<br><br><b>10.00 - Assembly</b><br><br>Debate<br><br>12 noon - Mr Giorgi Gakharia<br>Prime Minister of Georgia<br><br>13.00 – End of sitting           | 08.30 - Political groups<br><br><b>10.00 - Assembly</b><br><br>Debate<br><br>12 noon - Ms Zuzana<br>Čaputová President of the<br>Slovak Republic<br><br>13.00 – End of sitting | 08.30 - Committees<br><br><b>10.00 - Assembly</b><br><br><b>Urgent or current affairs<br/>debate</b><br><br><b>Debate</b><br><br>12.00 – End of sitting<br><br>12.00 – Joint Committee | 08.30 - Bureau<br><br><b>10.00 - Assembly</b><br><br>2 Debates<br><br>+ Free debate<br><br>13.00 – End of part-<br>session |
| 14.00 - Political Groups<br>14.00 – Secretaries of<br>delegations<br><br><b>16.00 - Assembly</b><br><br>– <b>Progress Report</b><br><br>– <b>CM communication</b><br><br>18.30 – End of sitting<br><br>18.30 - Committees<br>19.30 - End of Committees<br><br>20.00 – Dinners Political Groups | 14.00 – Committees<br><br>15.30 - Political groups<br><br><b>17.00 - Assembly</b><br><br><b>2 debates</b><br><br>20.30 – End of sitting<br>21.00 – Museum Prize Ceremony | 14.00 - Committees<br><br><b>15.30 – Assembly –<br/>Questions SG</b><br><br><b>16.00 – Commissioner HR</b><br><br><b>17.00 – 2 Debates</b><br><br>20.30 – End of sitting       | 14.00 - Committees<br><br><b>15.30 – Assembly</b><br><br><b>2 Debates</b><br><br>20.00 – End of sitting  |  |

## Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2020: call for nominations

Strasbourg, 15.01.2020 – 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 2020 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 2020. Nominations should be sent to the Parliamentary Assembly by e-mail to the following address: [hrprize.pace@coe.int](mailto: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 12 October 2020 in Strasbourg, consists of a sum of €60,000, a trophy and a diploma.

Since 2013, it has been awarded in turn to Ales Bialiatski (Belarus), Anar Mammadli (Azerbaijan), Ludmilla Alexeeva (Russian Federation), Nadia Murad (Iraq), Murat Arslan (Turkey) and Oyub Titiev (Russian Federation). Last year, the Prize was 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.

[Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize](#)  
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