Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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(2020)

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1. **Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe**  
   Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)  
   - Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14597, Ref. 4402 of 12.10.2018  
   - Debated during the meeting of the Standing Committee by videoconference on 26 June 2020  
   - Resulted in Resolution 2331 (2020)

2. **Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender, equality and non-discrimination**  
   Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)  
   - Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4513 of 07.05.2020  
   - Debated during the meeting of the Standing Committee on 13.10.2020  
   - Resulted in Resolution 2339 (2020)

3. **Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence**  
   Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)  
   - Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14808, Ref. 4434 of 12.04.2019  
   - Debated during the meeting of the Standing Committee on 22.10.2020  
   - Resulted in Resolution 2343 (2020)

2. **Opinions debated in 2020**

1. **Concerted action on human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants**  
   Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Isabelle Rauch (France, ALDE)  
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Mr Vernon Coaker (United Kingdom, SOC)  
   - Origin: Ref. 4365 of 16.03.2018  
   - Debated during the January part-session 2020 (27-31 January 2020)

3. **Reports tabled**

1. **The gender dimension of foreign policy**  
   Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)  
   - Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14627, Ref. 4406 of 12.10.2018  
   - To be debated during the meeting of the Standing Committee in November 2020

4. **Reports under preparation**

1. **The situation of Crimean Tatars**  
   Former title: Russian racial discrimination of Crimean Tatars in Crimea  
   Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC)  
   Previous rapporteur: Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC)  
   - Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14262, Ref. 4371 of 16.03.2018  
   - Reference extended to 30.06.2021

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2. Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of high concern

**Rapporteur:** Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC)
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14545, Ref. 4387 of 25.06.2018
- Reference extended to 25.12.2020

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<td>Ms Aydan Iyiguengoer, Head of Sector Awareness Raising, Technical Assistance &amp; Capacity Building, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna; Mr Tamás Kádár, Deputy Director, European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet), Brussels.</td>
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3. Preserving Europe’s linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity

**Rapporteur:** Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)
**Previous rapporteur:** Ms Miren Edurne Gorrotxategui (Spain, UEL)
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14553, Ref. 4390 of 25.06.2018
- Reference extended to 25.12.2020

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4. Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing

**Rapporteur:** Mr František Koplíva (Czech Republic, ALDE)
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14590, Ref. 4399 of 08.10.2018
- Reference extended to 08.04.2021
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<td>Ms Marie Pichault, Centre de Médiation des Gens du voyage et des Rom, Belgium; Mr Martin Collins, Co-Director, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Ireland; and Mr Adrian Jones, National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups, United Kingdom.</td>
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### 5. Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes

**Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)**

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14821, Ref. 4439 of 12.04.2019
- Reference extended to 12.10.2021

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### 6. Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography

**Rapporteur: Mr Frank Heinrich (Germany, EPP/CD)**

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14864, Ref. 4450 of 24.05.2019
- Reference extended to 24.11.2021

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### 7. Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the South Caucasus region

**Former title: Alleged violations of LGBTI+ rights in the Caucasus region**

**Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)**

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14879, Ref. 4453 of 25.06.2019
- Reference extended to 25.12.2021

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8. Combating Afrophobia in Europe
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- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14924, Ref. 4463 of 30.09.2019
- Reference extended to 30.03.2022

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9. Tackling discrimination based on social origins
Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC)
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14986, Ref. 4881 of 27.01.2020
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10. The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport
Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD)
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14987, Ref. 4882 of 27.01.2020
- Reference extended to 27.07.2022

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11. Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort
Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15030, Ref. 4491 of 31.01.2020
- Reference extended to 31.07.2022

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12. Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation
Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)
Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: to be appointed
- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15045, Ref. 4497 of 06.03.2020
- Reference extended to 06.09.2022
13. Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making
   Rapporteur: Ms Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania, SOC)
   • Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15067, Ref. 4503 of 07.05.2020
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14. Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe
   Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)
   • Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15121, Ref. 4524 of 15.09.2020
   • Reference extended to 15.03.2023

15. Addressing inequalities in access to environmental rights
   Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)
   • Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4531 of 15.09.2020
   • Reference extended to 15.03.2023

5. Opinions under preparation

1. Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness
   Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE)
   • Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15011, Ref. 4487 of 27.01.2020
   • Reference extended to 27.07.2022

2. Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly
   Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Ms Nicole Trisse (France, ALDE)
   • Origin: Ref. 4493 of 31.01.2020
   • Reference extended to 31.07.2022

3. Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities
   Rapporteur for opinion: to be appointed
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE)
   • Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4571 of 26.06.2020
   • Reference extended to 26.12.2022

4. Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?
   Rapporteur for opinion: to be appointed
   Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Boris Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC)
   • Origin: Motion for a resolution, Doc. 14802, Ref 4428 of 01.03.2019
   • Reference extended to 01.09.2021

6. Bureau of the Committee

   Chairperson: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)
   1st Vice-Chairperson: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)
   2nd Vice-Chairperson: Ms Erika Benkő (Romania, EPP/CD)
   3rd Vice-Chairperson: Ms Feleknas Uca (Turkey, UEL)
7. General Rapporteurs

General Rapporteur on violence against women: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)
General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)
General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)

8. Sub-Committees

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality
Chairperson: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)
Vice-Chairperson: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities
Chairperson: ZZ…
Vice-Chairperson: ZZ…

Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination
Chairperson: Ms Sanja Pavićević (Montenegro, SOC)
Vice-Chairperson: ZZ…

9. Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

Website: https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/network-violence-women
Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parliamentary-Network-Women-Free-from-Violence/521837241177461


This Network is a sui generis structure, composed of contact parliamentarians from national, observer and partner for democracy delegations to the Assembly. In 2011, following the opening for signature of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention, CETS No. 210), the Network decided that its main objective would be encouraging further signatures and ratifications of this instrument, so that it could enter into force as soon as possible. Since the entry into force of the Convention in August 2014, the Network has continued to promote its ratification and to develop activities linked to its implementation.

The Network is chaired by the General Rapporteur on violence against women, who acts as its political coordinator.

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10. No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

Website: https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/no-hate

In follow-up to Assembly Resolution 1967 (2014) on “A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination proposed setting up the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.
The Alliance was officially launched on 29 January 2015 in Strasbourg. It is composed of parliamentarians, members of the Parliamentary Assembly, who commit to taking open, firm and pro-active stands against racism, hatred and intolerance on whatever grounds and however they manifest themselves. Their commitment is formalised by signing the Charter of Commitments for membership in the Alliance.

The main activities of the Alliance are conducted at national level. Its members commit to:

- raising awareness against racism and intolerance amongst politicians and civil society;
- promoting the respect of equality, non-discrimination and respect for diversity, as grounded in the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols;
- exchanging information on law and best practices in preventing and combating racism, hatred and intolerance with parliamentarians from other countries;
- supporting and participating in the work of the national committees of the Council of Europe "No Hate Speech Movement."

The Alliance is coordinated by the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, who is supported by the Bureau of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

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13. **Website and social media**

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https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/no-hate

https://twitter.com/PACE_Equality