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## Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

### Draft Agenda<sup>1</sup>

for the meeting to be held in Paris  
on 8 March 2011 from 9 am to 1 pm

(Council of Europe Office, 55 avenue Kléber, Paris 16<sup>e</sup>  
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1. **Agenda**

[AS/Jur (2011) OJ 02 Rev.]

Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Jur (2011) PV 01]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 24-27 January 2011

3. **Strengthening torture prevention mechanisms in Europe**

*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD*

[AS/Jur (2011) 08 ]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

4. **Establishment of an independent European committee to investigate serious allegations of gross and systematic violations of human rights.**

*Rapporteur: Ms Marina Schuster, Germany, ALDE*

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Consideration of an information report

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**This is the convocation to the meeting for the Members and Alternates of the  
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**

*Copy for information: Secretaries of National Delegations*

5. **Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly**

[AS/Bur/AhRef (2011) 1 def.]

Exchange of views

6. **National sovereignty and statehood in contemporary international law: the need for clarification**

*Rapporteur: Ms Marina Schuster, Germany, ALDE*

[AS/Jur (2011) 09]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

[From 11h30 to 12h30]

7. **The declaration of principles of equality and activities of the Council of Europe**

*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*

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Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Frédéric Edel, Doctor of Law, Researcher, Ecole Nationale d'Administration, France
- Mrs Dimitrina Petrova, Executive Director, The Equal Rights Trust, United Kingdom
- Mr Michal Gondek, Legal Officer, European Commission, DG Justice, Belgium

8. **Sub-Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

Report by the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held in Paris on 7 March 2011

9. **Appointment of rapporteurs**

- Human Rights and Family Courts  
(Former Rapporteur: Mr Paul Rowen, United Kingdom, ALDE)  
[\[Doc 11742\]](#)
- Population transfer as a Human Rights violation  
(Former Rapporteur: Mr Renato Farina, Italy, EPP)  
[\[Doc 11982\]](#)
- Request from the Parliament of Morocco for partner for democracy status within the Parliamentary Assembly (for opinion)  
Rapporteur for the Political Affairs Committee: Mr Luca Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD  
Rapporteur for opinion for the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men: Mrs Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE
- The situation of IDPs and returnees in the North Caucasus region (for opinion)  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population: Mr Nikolaos Dendias, Greece, EPP/CD  
[\[Doc. 12398\]](#)

- Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Palestinian National Council (for opinion)  
Rapporteur for the Political Affairs Committee: Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL)  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men: Ms Carina Hägg, Sweden, SOC

#### 10. **Appointment of representatives of the Committee**

Appointment of a member to represent the Committee at meetings of European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in 2011, in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation (proposal to be submitted to the Bureau)

Proposal of the Chairman

#### 11. **The definition of political prisoners / The follow-up to the issue of political prisoners in Azerbaijan**

*Rapporteur : Mr Christophe Strässer, Germany, SOC*  
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Presentation of an information document

#### 12. **The Rule of Law in Council of Europe member states: upholding the authority of the Parliamentary Assembly's recommendations**

*Rapporteur: Ms Marieluise Beck, Germany, ALDE*  
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

#### 13. **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee**

i. The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe  
*Rapporteur: Mr József Berényi, Slovak Republic, EPP/CD*  
[\[Doc. 12481\]](#)  
[\[Rec 1924 \(2010\)\]](#)

ii. The protection of "whistle-blowers"  
*Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, The Netherlands, EPP/CD*  
[\[Doc. 12479\]](#)  
[\[Rec 1916 \(2010\)\]](#)

iii. Judicial corruption  
*Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Sasi, Finland, EPP/CD*  
[\[Doc. 12446\]](#)  
[\[Rec 1896 \(2010\)\]](#)

iv. Legal remedies for human rights violations in the North-Caucasus Region  
*Rapporteur: Mr Dick Marty, Switzerland, ALDE*  
[\[Doc. 12480\]](#)  
[\[Rec 1922 \(2010\)\]](#)

- v. Minority protection in Europe: best practices and deficiencies in implementation of common standards

*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*

[\[Doc. 12464\]](#)

[\[Rec 1904 \(2010\)\]](#)

14. **Other business**

15. **Next meetings**

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2011 (11-14 April)
- Oslo, Norway, 6-7 June 2011
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2011 (20-24 June)
- Paris, 7 September 2011 (Council of Europe Office)