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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Draft agenda

of the meeting which will take place in Paris

on 14 March 2012 from 9 to 12.30 am and from 2 to 5.30 pm

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1. Agenda

Adoption of the agenda for the meeting

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2. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg, 23-26 January 2012

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3. Crisis of democracy and role of the state in today's Europe

(Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC)

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Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Theo Schiller, Professor of Political Science, Philipps-Universität Marburg,
Institute of Political Science

- Mr Martin Schaffner, Professor emeritus, History Department of the University of Basel
(to be confirmed)

4. The rise of populist movements in Europe and its dangers for democracy

(Rapporteur: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE)

Statement by the Rapporteur

**This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee and their alternates,
is the convocation to the meeting**

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5. Violence against religious communities

(Rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD)

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Hearing with the participation of:

- Dr Massimo Introvigne, sociologist, former Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also Focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions

- Mr Khaled Fouad Allam, Professor of Sociology of the Muslim world and History and Institutions of the Islamic countries at the University of Trieste and Urbino and at the Stanford University of Florence

6. Increasing drug traffic from Afghanistan as a threat to European security

(Rapporteur: Lord Tomlinson, United Kingdom, SOC)

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Statement by the Rapporteur

(2 pm)

7. The situation in Syria

Press releases

Exchange of views with Mr Ahmed Bin Helli, Deputy Secretary General of the League of Arab States

8. The promotion of active citizenship in Europe

(Rapporteur: Earl of Dundee, United Kingdom, EDG)

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Consideration and approval of a report and adoption of a draft resolution and/or recommendation

9. Sub-committees

.Statement by the Chairpersons of the sub-committees:

- Sub-committee on external relations
- Sub-committee on the Middle East
- Sub-committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation

.Changes in the lists of members

Lists of members of the sub committees

10. Open discussion on current issues

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11. Future work

. Follow-up to decisions by the Bureau

Extract of the synopsis of the Bureau of 8 March 2012

. Council for democratic elections of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) – appointment of an substitute

12. Authorisations by the Committee

13. Other business

14. Next meetings in 2012

- 23-27 April (2nd part-session), Strasbourg
- 29-30 May, Paris
- 25-29 June (3rd part-session), Strasbourg
- 10-11 September, Helsinki (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)
- 1-5 October (4th part-session), Strasbourg
- 14 November, Paris (to be confirmed)
- 12 December, Paris (to be confirmed).

Meetings of the sub-committees will take place on Thursday 13 March 2012 afternoon, as follows:¹

2.00 to 2.45 pm: Sub-committee on external relations

2.45 to 4.30 pm: Sub-committee on the Middle East

4.30 to 6.30 pm: Sub-committee on conflict prevention through dialogue and reconciliation:
Hearing on the Peace process in Northern Ireland

¹ The draft agendas will be sent later.