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## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Draft agenda of the meeting which will take place in Paris

on 4 September 2013, from 3 pm to 6.30 pm and  
on 5 September 2013, from 9 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 5 pm

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#### Wednesday 4 September 2013 (3 pm – 6.30 pm)

- 1. Agenda**  
[AS/Pol (2013) OJ 06rev4]  
  
Adoption of the agenda for the meeting
- 2. Minutes**  
[AS/Pol (2013) PV 05]  
  
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2013
- 3. Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia**  
*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin, Sweden, EPP/CD*  
[Doc. 12661, Doc. 13103]  
  
Hearing with the participation of:  
- Mr Robert Örell, Director of EXIT Fryshuset, Stockholm  
- Mr Hans Martens, Chief Executive, European Policy Centre, Brussels
- 4. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*  
  
Exchange of views with the rapporteur and the Palestinian partner for democracy delegation

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

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and of political groups

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**5. Political transition in Egypt**

*Rapporteur: Mr José María Beneyto, Spain, EPP/CD*  
[AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 23]

Exchange of views on recent developments with the participation of:

- Mr Tewfick Aclimandos, Research Associate at the Chair of Modern History of the Arab World at the College of France, specialist in Egyptian history
- Mr Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group

**Thursday 5 September 2013 (9 am – 12.30 pm)**

**6. Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict**

*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*  
[AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 15rev, AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 18]

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Driss El Yazami, President of the National Council for Human Rights of Morocco
- Ms Hasna Abouzaid, member of the Moroccan Parliament
- Ms Senia Ahmed Merhba, representative of the Polisario Front
- Mr Omar Mansour, representative of the Polisario Front
- Mr Djamel Ouldabbes, member of the Algerian Council of the Nation
- Ms Saïda Brahim Bouneb, member of the Algerian People's National Assembly, member of the National Liberation Front (NLF), Chairperson of the parliamentary group of friendship and fraternity "Algeria – Western Sahara"

**7. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2012-2013** with the participation of delegations of non-European OECD member countries

*Rapporteur: Mr Dirk Van der Maelen, Belgium, SOC*  
[AS/Pol (2013) 19]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

**Thursday 5 September 2013 (2 pm – 5 pm)**

**8. Open discussion on current issues notably on Syria**

[Res 1878 (2012), Res 1902 (2012), AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 24, AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 25]

**9. Political transition in Tunisia**

*Rapporteur: Ms Anne Brasseur, Luxembourg, ALDE*  
[AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 22, CDL (2013) 034]

Exchange of views on recent developments with the participation of Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

**10. Work programme**

[AS/Pol (2013) WP 06]

- a) Follow-up to the decisions of the Bureau of the Assembly of 28 June 2013  
[extract AS/Bur/CB (2013) 8rev, Res 1940 (2013)]
- b) Call for candidates for report  
[D'Hondt table]
  - Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco  
[extract AS/Bur/CB (2013) 8rev]
  - Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan (subject to ratification by the Assembly)  
[Letter from the Parliament of Jordan]
  - Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013) (subject to ratification by the Assembly)

- European Forum about the future  
[Doc. 13105]

c) Reference for information

- Impunity of perpetrators of crimes committed by totalitarian communist regimes in Europe  
[Doc. 13234]

d) Conference on *Political parties – key factors in the political development. 20 years since the accession of Romania to the Council of Europe* (Bucharest, Romania, 18-19 October 2013)  
[Draft programme]

Designation of a representative

e) *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee on the Lisbon Forum on *Valuing civil society as actor of governance: Perspectives for the Southern Mediterranean region – How can the Governments, Parliaments and Local and Regional Authorities contribute to making civil society an actor of governance?* (Lisbon, 6-7 November 2013) followed by the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy including the regional conference on *The political changes in the South Mediterranean and in the Middle East: the role of representative institutions* (8 November 2013)  
[AS/Pol (2013) 16rev, programme for the Forum, AS/Pol/Inf (2013) 20rev, participation form]

Appointment of members to the *ad hoc* Sub-Committee

f) World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 27-29 November 2013)  
[programme]

Appointment of members to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau

**11. Authorisations by the Committee**

**12. Other business**

**13. Next meetings**

- 30 September – 4 October 2013 (4<sup>th</sup> part session), Strasbourg
- 8 November 2013, Lisbon, Portugal (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly)
- 10-11 December 2013, Paris