Standing Committee

Draft Agenda

of the meeting to be held
in Paris on Friday 9 March 2012 (opening at 9 a.m.)
at the French National Assembly (Salle Lamartine)
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(Métro : Invalides/Assemblée nationale)

1. Opening of the meeting by Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

2. Examination of new credentials

3. Modifications in the composition of committees

4. Requests for a current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
   - Request for a debate under urgent procedure on “The intended suspension of the constitutional amendment procedure in Belgium”;
   - Request for a current affairs debate on “The deterioration of the situation of political prisoners in Ukraine”

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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations.

Members who wish to present amendments and sub-amendments are invited to table them in writing with the Table Office as soon as possible.
5. **Agenda**

Adoption of the draft agenda

6. **Second part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly (23-27 April 2012)**

Consideration of the draft agenda

7. **References, transmissions and modifications of references to committees**

Consideration of the proposals submitted by the Bureau of the Assembly

8. **Follow-up to Resolution 1842 (2011) on the terms of reference of Parliamentary Assembly committees – implementation of Resolution 1822 (2011) on the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly**

Terms of reference of general rapporteurs (subject to a decision of the Bureau)

9. **(Possibly) Current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure**

10. **Exchange of views with Mr Etienne Apaire, President of the Pompidou Group**

(Council of Europe Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs) – 11a.m. [approx.]

11. **Observation of elections**

Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan

(15 January 2012)

*Rapporteur of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau:*
*Ms Elsa Papadimitriou (Greece, EPP/CD)*

Debate

12. **Political Affairs and Democracy**

The Council of Europe and the Eastern Partnership of the European Union

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:*
*Mr Björn von Sydow (Sweden, SOC)*

Debate

Vote on a draft resolution
13. **Legal Affairs and Human Rights**

a. An additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights on national minorities

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:*
*Mr György Frunda (Romania, EPP/CD)*

Debate
Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

b. The situation of the inhabitants of Rhodes and Kos with a Turkish cultural background

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:*
*Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)*

Debate
Vote on a draft resolution

c. International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:*
*Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD)*

Debate
Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

14. **Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**

a. The environmental impact of sunken shipwrecks

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:*
*Ms Elsa Papadimitriou (Greece, EPP/CD)*

Debate
Vote on a draft resolution

b. The need for independent and credible expert assessments

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:*
*Mr Cezar Florin Preda (Romania, EPP/CD)*

Debate
Vote on a draft resolution

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1 As the rapporteur is no longer a member of the Assembly, the report will be presented by another member of the committee.
15. **Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs**

Self-evaluation by Europe’s national parliaments: procedural guidelines to improve the quality of parliamentary work  

*Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:*

*Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland, SOC)*

Debate
Vote on a draft resolution

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16. **Other business**

17. **Next meeting**

– Tirana (Albania), 25 May 2012 [to be confirmed]