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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

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of the meeting to be held by videoconference on 8 December 2020
from 9.30am – 12 noon and then from 2.30pm – 5pm CET (Central
European Time)

**Please note that a voting session concerning certain agenda points will
be held starting at 11.15 am**

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Jur (2020) PV 06]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held by video conference on 9 November 2020

3. **Judges in Poland and in the Republic of Moldova must remain independent**

Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Orlando, Italy, SOC

[AS/Jur (2020) 40]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

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

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4. Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States

Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE
[AS/Jur (2020) 41]

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

5. Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law

Rapporteur: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE
[AS/Jur (2020) 31]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

6. Poisoning of Alexei Navalny

Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE
[AS/Jur (2020) 39]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

7. Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD
[AS/Jur (2020) 42
AS/Jur/Inf (2020) 08
[Resolution 2293 \(2019\)](#)]

Consideration of a follow-up report to [Resolution 2293 \(2019\)](#)
Adoption of a statement

11.15 am

8. Voting session on the points for which a formal vote could be required:

Judges in Poland and in the Republic of Moldova must remain independent

Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Orlando, Italy, SOC
Adoption of the draft resolution

Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States

Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE
Adoption of the draft resolution and draft recommendation

Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation

Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE
Request for an opinion by the Venice Commission

Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD
Adoption of the statement

9. Appointment of rapporteurs

[Appointment procedure document
Rapporteur table]

Mandate: General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty

General Rapporteur:

General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty: new appointment owing to the end of Mr Titus Corlăţean's mandate, Romania, SOC (on 13.12.2020)

10. Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law

Rapporteur: Lord Balfe, United Kingdom, NR
[AS/Jur (2020) 35]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

11. Addressing issues of criminal and civil liability in the context of climate change

Rapporteur: Mr Ziya Altunyaldiz, Turkey, NR
[AS/Jur (2020) 43]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

From 2.30pm

Hearings:

12. Political prisoners in the Russian Federation

Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC
[AS/Jur (2020) 27]

Hearing with the participation of:

Ms Karinna Moskalenko, Director, International Protection Centre, Moscow, Russian Federation
Mr Sergey Davidis, head of the programme "Support of Political Prisoners", Memorial Human Rights Centre, Moscow, Russian Federation
Mr Tony Brace, Chair, Religious Freedom Subcommittee, The European Association of Jehovah's Witnesses, Chelmsford, UK

13. Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation

Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France ALDE
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Hearing with the participation of:

Professor Wolfgang Benedek (Austria), special rapporteur, OSCE Moscow Mechanism
Mr Valentin Stefanovich, Board Member, Human Rights Centre *Viasna*
Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of Democratic Belarus
Mr Aleh Hulak, Chairman of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee, Minsk, Belarus

14. Reported cases of Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan

Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC
[Resolution 2322 (2020)]

Follow-up to [Resolution 2322 \(2020\)](#)

15. Hearings during the next meeting

16. Other business

[Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to the President of the Assembly]

17. Next meetings

Plenary Committee:

- during the Assembly's 1st part-session of 2021 (25-29 January 2021)
- 11 March 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 2nd part-session of 2021 (19-23 April 2021)
- 10 May 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2021 (21-25 June 2021)
- 14 September 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021)
- 5 November 2021, t.b.c.
- 7 December 2021, t.b.c.