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## Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

# Draft Agenda

**[BLUE HIGHLIGHTING INDICATES CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE AGENDA]**

**of the meeting to be held in Bern, Switzerland  
on 5-6 September 2022**

**Bern:**

**Monday 5 September 2022 from 9.30am – 5.30pm (Plenary Committee)**

**Tuesday 6 September 2022 from 8.30am – 11am (Sub-Committee on Human Rights – open to all members of the Committee) – see separate agenda AS/Jur/DH (2022) OJ 04**

**Venue: Swiss Parliament, Bern**

**Main entrance: Palais du Parlement, Bundesplatz 3, 3003 Bern, room 301 / salle 301**

(Participants arriving up until 10 am on Monday and until 9 am on Tuesday may use the main entrance on Bundesplatz, those entering the building later will have to use the visitors entrance on the south side (Bundesterrasse) and will have to go through security screening or need to call the secretariat (number below))

**The optional programme in Neuchâtel will take place on**

**Tuesday 6 September 2022 from 12.15pm – 6.30pm**

(transport provided between Bern and Neuchâtel – departure 11.15am following the Sub-Committee on Human Rights)

See separate programme for further details (AS/JUR/Inf (2022) 07)

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

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**Monday 5 September 2022 from 9.30am – 5.30pm**

**1. Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

**2. Minutes**

[AS/Jur (2022) PV 06]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held during the June part-session, 20-23 June 2022, in Strasbourg

**3. Welcoming address**

Interventions by:

President of the Council of States, Mr Thomas Hefti, Swiss Parliament

Mr Damien Cottier, Chairperson of the Swiss PACE delegation and Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

**4. Mission report of the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on carrying out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine for the purpose of gathering information on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**

[AS/Jur (2022) 27]

**5. Preventing vaccine discrimination**

*Rapporteur: Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*

[AS/Jur (2022) 26]

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

**6. The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions for civil society space and activities**

*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*

[AS/Jur (2022) 25]

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

**7. Transnational repression as a growing threat to the rule of law and human rights**

*Rapporteur: Sir Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EC/DA*

[AS/Jur (2022) 24]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

**8. References transmitted to the committee**

[Appointment procedure document

Rapporteur table

[Doc. 15419](#)

[Doc. 15523](#)

[Doc. 15521](#)

[Doc. 15514](#)

[Doc. 15519](#)]

**1) Appointment of Rapporteur for opinion:**

Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for the democratic society ([Doc. 15419](#))  
(former Rapporteur, Mme Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE has resigned as Rapporteur)  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Stefan Schennach  
(Austria, SOC)

**2) Call for candidates for Rapporteur:**

- i) The right to freedom of information: ensuring access to historical documents  
([Doc. 15523](#))
- ii) Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan ([Doc. 15521](#))
- iii) UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European Human Rights protection (Bureau decision)
- iv) Arbitrary arrest of Russian human rights defender and freedom fighter Vladimir Kara-Murza  
([Doc. 15514](#))

**3) Motion to be taken into account in report in progress:**

Humanitarian catastrophe created during the Russian army invasion of Ukraine - *to be taken into account* in the framework of the report on “Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine” [Doc. 15519](#)

**9. Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee**

[AS/Jur (2022) 20, [Doc. 15528](#)  
AS/Jur (2022) 21, [Doc. 15490](#)  
AS/Jur (2022) 22, [Doc. 15493](#)  
AS/Jur (2022) 23, [Doc. 15489](#)]

**[Lunch break 12.30- 2pm  
Guided tour of the Parliament 2-2.30pm]**

**Hearing:**

**10. Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance**

*Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD*  
[AS/Jur (2022) 04]

With the participation of:

Mr Tim Engelhardt, Human rights officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland  
**Mr Lars Patrick Berg**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee of Inquiry to investigate the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware

**Hearing :**

**11. European Convention on Human Rights and national constitutions**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL*  
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With the participation of

Professor Helen Keller, Chair for Public Law, European and Public International Law, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

## 12. Closing session

*[From 4.30 – 5.30pm]*

### **Switzerland and the European Court of Human Rights: interactions, developments and challenges**

Address by Federal Councillor Ms Karin Keller-Sutter, Minister for Justice and Police

Exchange of views

## 13. Other business

- Information by the chair about preparations for the future Council of Europe Summit of Heads of State and Government

## 14. Next meetings

*Plenary Committee:*

- during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2022 (10-14 October 2022)
- 14 November 2022, t.b.c.
- 12 December 2022, t.b.c.

## **Tuesday 6 September 2022 from 8.30am – 11am**

### **Sub-Committee on Human Rights (open to all members of the plenary committee)**

(see Sub-Committee agenda for further details –\_AS/Jur/DH (2022) OJ 04)