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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda 2

of the meetings to be held in a hybrid manner on:

- . Tuesday, 25 January 2022, 8:00 – 9:00, room 9
- . Tuesday, 25 January 2022, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9

Please also note meetings of the Sub-Committees¹

Thursday, 27 January 2022, 14:00 – 14:10, room 6: Sub-Committee on External Relations
(separate draft agenda)

Thursday, 27 January 2022, 14:10 – 14:40, room 6: Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World
(separate draft agenda)

Thursday, 27 January 2022, 14:40 – 15:00, room 6: Sub-Committee on Democracy
(separate draft agenda)

Tuesday, 25 January 2022, 8:00 – 9:00, room 9

1. **Opening of the meeting by the oldest member present**

2. **Election of the Bureau of the Committee**

[List of the members of the Committee]

- Election of the Chairperson
- Election of the Vice-Chairpersons

3. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

4. **Minutes**

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in a hybrid manner on 6 December 2021

¹ Subject to their constitution by the Committee.

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

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Meeting documents are published on the Parliamentary Assembly extranet website
(restricted area for national delegations): <http://assembly.coe.int/extranet>.

5. Constitution of Sub-Committees²

- Sub-Committee on External Relations
- Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World
- Sub-Committee on Democracy

6. Relations with the OECD

[Programme]

Constitution of an Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the next meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, 17-18 March 2022, Paris

7. Call for candidates for the Institutional representation of the Committee

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

8. Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic

Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE

[\[Doc. 15184\]](#), [\[Doc. 15427\]](#), [\[press release\]](#), [\[Res. 1984 \(2014\)\]](#)

- Statement by the Rapporteur
- Exchange of views with Mr Serguei Kouznetsov, Head of Division, Secretariat of the Enlarged Agreement on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

9. Open discussion on current political issues

10. Work programme

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- **Call for candidates**
 - Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture
[\[Doc. 14991\]](#)
 - The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society (*for opinion*)
[\[Doc. 15329\]](#)
 - The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants (*for opinion*)
[\[Doc. 15415\]](#)
- **Appointment of a member to the Network of contact parliamentarians for a healthy environment³**

² At its meeting of 6 December 2021, the Committee considered a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat under the instructions of the Chairperson; agreed to the proposal to constitute, during the January 2022 part-session, three standing Sub-Committees for 2022: the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World; the Sub-Committee on External Relations; and a new Sub-Committee on Democracy.

³ Subject to the approval of the terms of reference of the Network by the Assembly in the Progress report.

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11. Composition of Sub-Committees

[Lists of candidates]

Approval of the composition of Sub-Committees

12. Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC

[AS/Pol/Inf (2022) 02, AS/Pol/Inf (2022) 03 (Russian only)]

Hearing on the constitutional reform in Belarus with the participation of:

- Representative of the Venice Commission
 - Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary, Secretariat of the Enlarged Agreement on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- Representative of the Belarusian authorities
 - Mr Andrei Savinykh, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on International Affairs, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus
- Representatives of the opposition
 - Mr Anatoly Lebedko, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya's representative for constitutional reform and parliamentary co-operation
 - Mr Alexander Shlyk, Special Representative of Svetlana Tikhanovskaya on Elections

13. Appointment of the Institutional representatives of the Committee

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

14. Open discussion on current political issues (cont'd)

15. Other business

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022: call for nominations

[\[Press release\]](#)

16. Next meetings

1st February 2022, by videoconference

16 March 2022, place and manner to be decided (tbc)

During the April part-session (25-29 April 2022)

19-20 May 2022, Chania, Crete (Greece) (tbc)

During the June part-session (20-24 June 2022)

13 September 2022, place and manner to be decided (tbc)

During the October part-session (10-14 October 2022)

November 2022, date, place and manner to be decided (tbc)

13 December 2022, place and manner to be decided (tbc)