



SECRETARIAT

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## To the members of the Standing Committee

### Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 12, 13, 22 and 23 October 2020

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 12, 13, 22 and 23 October 2020 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Assembly, and then Ms Nicole Trisse, Mr Lars Aslan Rasmussen, Mr Andreas Nick, Mr Antonio Gutiérrez, and Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Vice-presidents of the Assembly, in the Chair.

#### **Monday 12 October 2020**

- held an exchange of views with Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the OECD;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Croatia and Spain;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- approved the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 15 September 2020;
- ratified the dates of Assembly part-sessions (2023-2025) as proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix 1);
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau (see Appendix 2);
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

**Recommendation 2177 (2020)**

**Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study**

**Resolution 2335 (2020)**

**Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study**

**Recommendation 2178 (2020)**

**Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions**

**Resolution 2336 (2020)**

**Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions**

- held a current affairs debate on "Armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, failure of peaceful conflict resolution and a risk to regional stability";

## **Tuesday 13 October 2020**

- held an exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights on her 2019 annual activity report;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Recommendation 2179 (2020)</b>	<b>Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic</b>
<b>Resolution 2337 (2020)</b>	<b>Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic</b>
<b>Recommendation 2180 (2020)</b>	<b>The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on human rights and the rule of law</b>
<b>Resolution 2338 (2020)</b>	<b>The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on human rights and the rule of law</b>
<b>Resolution 2339 (2020)</b>	<b>Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender, equality and non-discrimination</b>
<b>Resolution 2340 (2020)</b>	<b>Humanitarian consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for migrants and refugees</b>

## **Thursday 22 October 2020**

- held an exchange of views with Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Recommendation 2181 (2020)</b>	<b>Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence</b>
<b>Resolution 2341 (2020)</b>	<b>Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence</b>
<b>Recommendation 2182 (2020)</b>	<b>Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems</b>
<b>Resolution 2342 (2020)</b>	<b>Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems</b>
<b>Recommendation 2183 (2020)</b>	<b>Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence</b>
<b>Resolution 2343 (2020)</b>	<b>Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence</b>
<b>Recommendation 2184 (2020)</b>	<b>The brain-computer interface: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms?</b>
<b>Resolution 2344 (2020)</b>	<b>The brain-computer interface: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms?</b>
<b>Recommendation 2185 (2020)</b>	<b>Artificial intelligence in health care: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead</b>
<b>Recommendation 2186 (2020)</b>	<b>Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?</b>
<b>Resolution 2345 (2020)</b>	<b>Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?</b>
<b>Recommendation 2187 (2020)</b>	<b>Legal aspects of “autonomous” vehicles</b>
<b>Resolution 2346 (2020)</b>	<b>Legal aspects of “autonomous” vehicles</b>

## **Friday 23 October 2020**

- held a debate under urgent procedure on “New crackdown on political opposition and civil dissent in Turkey: urgent need to safeguard Council of Europe standards”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Resolution 2347 (2020)</b>	<b>New crackdown on political opposition and civil dissent in Turkey: urgent need to safeguard Council of Europe standards</b>
<b>Recommendation 2188 (2020)</b>	<b>The principles and guarantees of advocates</b>
<b>Resolution 2348 (2020)</b>	<b>The principles and guarantees of advocates</b>

- decided to hold its next meeting by videoconference on 20 November 2020.

Alfred Sixto, Valérie Clamer, Kateryna Gayevska

- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

## APPENDIX 1

### PART-SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR 2020-2022 (dates already approved)

2020	2021	2022
27 - 31 January	25 - 29 January	24 - 28 January
20 - 24 April	19 - 23 April	25 - 29 April
22 - 26 June	21 - 25 June	20 - 24 June
12 - 16 October	27 September - 1 October	10 - 14 October

### PART-SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR 2023-2025

2023	2024	2025
23 - 27 January	22 - 26 January	27 - 31 January
24 - 28 April	22 - 26 April	7 - 11 April
19 - 23 June <sup>1</sup>	24 - 28 June	23 - 27 June
9 - 13 October	30 September - 4 October	29 September - 3 October

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<sup>1</sup> Dates of the 2023 June part-session advanced by one week due to the Muslim holiday Eid al-adha.

## APPENDIX 2

### REFERENCES AND TRANSMISSIONS TO COMMITTEES

#### A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by the law enforcement officers**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Oleksandr Merezhko and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 15137](#)

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

2. **The role of the media in times of crisis**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Annicka Engblom and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 15140](#)

Reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

3. **Safeguarding democratic values in international trade**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**  
[Doc. 15144](#)

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

4. **Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**  
[Doc. 15145](#)

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

5. **Towards a Covid-19 vaccine: ethical, legal and practical considerations**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**  
[Doc. 15146](#)

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

6. **Poisoning of Alexei Navalny**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Jacques Maire and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 15155](#)

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

7. **Safeguarding peace and stability in the East Mediterranean Sea**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Dora Bakoyannis and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 15160p](#)

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

8. **The impact of Brexit on human rights on the island of Ireland**  
**Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Paul Gavan and other members of the Assembly**  
[Doc. 15162](#)

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*

**B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE**

- 1. Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?  
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Boriss Cilevičs and other members of the Assembly  
[Doc. 14802](#)  
Reference 4428 of 1 March 2019 – validity: 1 September 2021 (reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report)**

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*