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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1422<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (19 January 2022)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 25 November 2021 and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 21 January 2022 (hybrid manner).

## **I. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 25 November 2021, 10 December 2021 and 14 January 2022**

### **A. First part-session of 2022 (24-28 January 2022)**

On 25 November 2021, the Bureau drew up the draft agenda of the first part of the 2022 Assembly's Ordinary Session (appendix 1) and agreed to hold it in a hybrid manner. The draft agenda includes important and topical reports addressing, inter alia, the role of media in times in crisis; combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe; the poisoning of Alexei Navalny; football governance; and child participation. Mr Željko Komšić, Chairperson of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will address Assembly members in the context of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bosnia and Herzegovina's membership in the Organisation. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and from the Committee of Ministers' presidency are also among the key highlights of the part-session. A special ceremony, co-organised with the French authorities, marking the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust will take place on 27 January. The focus of this event will be on "Testimony, memory, teaching, and history: remembrance of the Holocaust for future generations".

The Presidents of the Assembly's five political groups are considering proposing an urgent affairs debate, focusing, in particular on global equitable distribution of vaccines, sufficient vaccine uptake in member States, including the question of mandatory vaccinations, building up stronger health systems to tackle the crisis and stronger commitment to addressing the socio-economic issues that have arisen due to the pandemic.

#### ➤ ***Provisions regarding access to the Council of Europe and other health and safety measures in place***

On 14 January 2021, the Bureau approved the organisational arrangements of the 2022 January part-session (including the health and safety measures to be put in place to cope with the rapid circulation of the Omicron variant of covid19). In particular, the Bureau:

- confirmed that the part-session would be organised in a hybrid manner, which allows all members of the Assembly to participate in the plenary sittings and committee meetings, either in physical presence or by videoconference;
- in the light of the current sanitary situation, agreed to the physical presence of
  - Current/outgoing President and incoming President of the Assembly;
  - Current/outgoing and incoming Vice-Presidents of the Assembly;
  - Current/outgoing and incoming chairpersons of committees;
  - Presidents of political groups and one female Vice-president per group;
  - Rapporteurs whose reports appear on the agenda of the part-session;
  - Chairpersons of national delegations, and one Vice-chairperson or another member of the delegation not belonging to the ruling majority, who can be accompanied by one secretary of delegation;
- took note of the sanitary protocol which requires, in particular, all participants to fill in the Council of Europe "covid-19 self-declaration", wear FFP2 masks at all times, take PCR and antigen tests upon the participants' first entry to the Council of Europe, as well as perform regular (daily) self-tests during their participation in the part-session.

As during previous part-sessions, the possibility of organising unofficial or social events, as well as exhibitions and receptions, is suspended. The public gallery will continue to remain closed.

### **B. Observation of elections**

- **Morocco: parliamentary elections (8 September 2021):** the Bureau approved the [report](#) of the ad hoc committee.
- **Russian Federation: parliamentary elections (19 September 2021):** the Bureau took note of the [memorandum](#) by the Chairperson of the Election Assessment Mission and decided to declassify it.

➤ **Bulgaria: presidential and early parliamentary elections (14 November 2021):** the Bureau took note of the [statement](#) by the observation mission.

## C. Other decisions by the Bureau

**References and transmissions to committees:** the Bureau approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly.

**Cooperation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions:** the Bureau took note of the state of play of cooperation with the European Parliament and other EU institutions, noting that, in 2021, cooperation mainly focused on three main lines: Committee hearings with members of the European Parliament on issues of mutual interest; bilateral meetings between Assembly rapporteurs and European Union representatives; and high-level contacts between the President of the Assembly and the President of the European Parliament and European Commissioners.

**Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the 2022 financial year:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and the information contained therein regarding the total appropriation for 2022 for the Parliamentary Assembly.

**Apportionment of the allocation to political groups for 2022:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly and approved the proposals contained in the document.

**Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2022:** the Bureau approved the proposals set out in Appendix 3.

## II. Standing Committee – 25-26 November 2021

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 25 and 26 November 2021 in Rome:

- heard welcome addresses by Mr Roberto Fico, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, and Ms Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati, President of the Italian Senate;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Luigi Di Maio, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- heard a statement by Ms Marta Cartabia, Italian Minister of Justice, in the framework of the discussion on the report on *Fighting corruption, general principles of political responsibility*;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Croatia, Denmark, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway and Ukraine;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- took note of the preliminary draft agenda of the first part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January 2022);
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the observation of the parliamentary elections in Morocco (8 September 2021);
- held an exchange of views in the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on *the role of men in stopping gender-based violence*, and heard contributions by Mr Michele Nicoletti, Professor at the University of Trento, Member of the Italian network on the Istanbul Convention, and Ms Simona Lanzoni, Vice-President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence of the Council of Europe (GREVIO);
- held a current affairs debate on *The situation of migrants on the border between Poland and Belarus*;
- heard a statement by Ms Grainne O'Hara, UNHCR's Director for International Protection, in the framework of the debate on *70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees*;

- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Resolution 2405 (2021)</b>	<b>Revision of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Parliamentary Assembly</b>
<b>Resolution 2406 (2021)</b>	<b>Fighting corruption – General principles of political responsibility</b>
<b>Resolution 2407 (2021)</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Resolution 2408 (2021)</b>	<b>70th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention: the Council of Europe and the international protection of refugees</b>
<b>Resolution 2409 (2021)</b>	<b>Voluntary relocation of migrants in need of humanitarian protection and voluntary resettlement of refugees</b>
<b>Resolution 2410 (2021)</b>	<b>Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance</b>
<b>Recommendation 2216 (2021)</b>	<b>Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance</b>
<b>Resolution 2411 (2021)</b>	<b>The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture</b>
<b>Recommendation 2217 (2021)</b>	<b>The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture</b>
<b>Resolution 2412 (2021)</b>	<b>Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography</b>
<b>Resolution 2413 (2021)</b>	<b>Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing</b>

### **III. Prizes**

#### **➤ Council of Europe Museum Prize**

On 3 December 2021, in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Marlen Mouliou, Chairperson of the Jury for the Museum Prize (and of the Jury of the European Museum of the Year Award - EMYA), and awarded the prize for 2022 to the museum Nano Nagle Place, Cork, Ireland.

#### **➤ Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

On 17 January 2022, the Assembly launched the call for nominations for the 2022 edition of the [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#) (Appendix 4). The deadline for submitting nominations is **30 April 2022**.

#### **IV. Activities of committees and networks, and election observation missions**

➤ On 30 November 2021, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. held a hearing on *Tackling discrimination based on social origins*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) with the participation of Professor Sam Friedman, Professor of Sociology, London School of Economics, and Ms Milla Vidina, Policy Officer, Equinet (European Network of Equality Bodies).

➤ On 1 December 2021, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**

. held an exchange of views on *For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content*, in the context of the report prepared by Mr Dimitri Houbbron (France, ALDE) with the participation of Mr John Carr, expert on internet safety and security, Ms Julie Miville-Dechêne, Senator, Senate of Canada, and Mr Iain Corby, Executive Director, The Age Verification Providers Association;

. unanimously adopted the terms of reference of the new Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment, for submission to the Bureau of the Assembly, as a follow-up to Resolution 2399 (2021) on "*The climate crisis and the rule of law*".

➤ On 2 December 2021, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. held an exchange of views on *Football governance: business and values*, in the context of a report prepared by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

. held a hearing on *Track and trace applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Duncan Baker, (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of Mr Pat Walshe, Data Protection consultant, Privacy Matters, United Kingdom, Ms Elisabeth Ehrensperger, Director, and Mr Bruno Baeriswyl, Member of the Steering committee, Foundation for Technology Assessment, TA-SWISS, Bern, Switzerland, Mr Wolfgang E. Ebbers, Professor at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Public Administration, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and Mr Tore Tennøe, Director, Norwegian Board of Technology, Oslo, Norway;

. held a hearing on *Promoting online education and research across national borders*, in the context of a report prepared by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of Mr Michael Remmert, Head of the Education Policy Division, DGII - Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe, and Mr Derek Robertson, School of Education and Social Work, University of Dundee, United Kingdom.

➤ On 6 December 2021, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**

. held a hearing on *The impact of Brexit on Human Rights on the island of Ireland*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), with the participation of Ms Alyson Kilpatrick, Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, and Mr Daithí Ó Ceallaigh, Chairperson of the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA);

. held a hearing on *Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andreas Nick (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Gerald Knaus, Chairperson, European Stability Initiative (ESI), and Mr Fuat Keyman, Director, Istanbul Policy Center;

. held a hearing on *Geopolitics of the Mediterranean* with the participation of Admiral Pascal Ausseur, Director General, Mediterranean Foundation of Strategic Studies, Toulon, France.

➤ On 7 December 2021, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

. held a hearing on *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11<sup>th</sup> report*,

in the context of a report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), with the participation of Ms Dimitrina Lilovska, Head of Section ad interim, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, Dr Isabella Risini, senior research associate at Ruhr-University Bochum, visiting professor at Augsburg University;

. held a hearing on the *Abolition of the Death Penalty* in the context of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Chiara Sangiorgio, Policy Adviser/Death Penalty, Amnesty International, London, Mr Gilberto Jeronimo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg.

➤ On 13 December 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:**

. held a conference on *Mobilising political forces to prevent and combat violence against women*, with the participation of Ms Zita Gurmai, General Rapporteur on violence against women and Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, Ms Alia El Yassir, UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, Ms Andreia Lourenço Marques, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission, Senator Fiona O'Loughlin, Chair of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Ms Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, Mr Neil Datta, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director of Committees, PACE Directorate II, Human Dignity and Sustainable Development, Ambassador Andrej Slapničar, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the Council of Europe, incoming Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention, Ms Marcella Pirrone, President, Women Against Violence Europe, Ms Réka Sáfrány, President, European Women's Lobby, Ms Veronica Vition, Board member, Women Against Violence Europe.

➤ On 14 December 2021, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**

. held a hearing on *recent developments with regard to the Russian parliamentary elections (17-19 September 2021)*, in the context of a report on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation* prepared by Mr Axel Schäfer (Germany, SOC) and Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Ella Pamfilova, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission (CEC) of the Russian Federation, Mr Denis Volkov, Director, Levada Centre, Mr Stanislav Andreichuk, co-Chairperson, Movement for Defence of Voters' Rights (Golos), and Mr Nikolai Rybakov, President of Yabloko.

➤ **Election observation activities:**

On 28 November 2021, an ad hoc committee of the Bureau chaired by Ms Marina Berlinghieri (Italy, SOC) observed the parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOH) ([see statement](#)). The report of the ad hoc committee will be considered by the Bureau on 21 January 2022.

## V. **Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports**

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia***

**Mr Titus Corlăţean** (Romania, SOC) and **Mr Claude Kern** (France, ALDE), rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Tbilisi on 8-10 December 2021.

➤ ***The situation of migrants on the border with Belarus***

On 18 and 19 November 2021, **Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez** (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, and **Ms Anne-Mari Virolainen** (Finland, EPP/CD), rapporteur on *Increased migration pressure on the borders of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with Belarus*, carried out a fact-

finding visit to Poland. Although this fact-finding visit took place outside the period covered by the present Communication, it is important to highlight it, as it brought a substantial input into the Assembly's current affairs debate held during the Standing Committee meeting, in Rome.

## **VI. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly**

➤ On 14 December 2021, in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union "**Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco**", the Assembly organised a round table entitled "*Opening the Parliament to citizens: Why and How?*" in **Rabat, Morocco**.

## **VII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers**

On 11 January 2022, the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe participated in an exchange of views with the Group of Rapporteurs on External Relations (GR-EXT) to present the external relations and activities of the Assembly.

## **VIII. Cooperation with the Venice Commission**

➤ A representative of the Venice Commission gave legal advice to the PACE delegation which observed the parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic, on 28 November 2021.

➤ On 10 December 2021, during the 129<sup>th</sup> plenary session of the Venice Commission, the Presidential Committee of the PACE held an exchange of views with the Enlarged Bureau of the Venice Commission, focusing on ongoing co-operation between the two institutions.

➤ Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE) attended the 129<sup>th</sup> Plenary session of the Venice Commission in Venice (10-11 December 2021), in her capacity as institutional representative of the Assembly on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

➤ On 13 December 2021, in the framework of the preparation of a report on *Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC), the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination received the opinion of the Venice Commission on the compatibility with international human rights standards of Act LXXIX of 2021 enacted by the Hungarian Parliament on 15 June 2021, prepared at the Committee's request.

➤ On 14 December 2021, in the framework of the preparation of a report on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Russian Federation* (rapporteurs: Mr Axel Schäfer, Germany, SOC, and Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD), the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) decided to request the opinion of the Venice Commission on amendments to the Federal Law "On the Bar and the Legal Profession in the Russian Federation".

## **IX. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions**

On 14-15 December 2021, the working group on the implementation of the **EU Strategy on combating anti-Semitism and fostering Jewish life**, heard a short presentation of Assembly Resolution 2309 (2019) and report on *the preservation of the Jewish cultural heritage* (Rapporteur Raphael Comte, Switzerland, ALDE).

## **X. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

. **24 November 2021:** *Presidential Committee*

. **25 November 2021:** *Bureau of the Assembly*

. **25-26 November 2021:** *Standing Committee*

- . **30 November 2021:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **1 December 2021:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **2-3 December 2021:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **6 December 2021:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **7 December 2021:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Sub-Committee on Human Rights*
- . **9 December 2021:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **10 December 2021:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **11 December 2021:** *joint meeting between the Presidential Committee and the Enlarged Bureau of the Venice Commission*
- . **13 December 2021:** *Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence*
- . **14 December 2021:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **10 January 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **13 January 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **14 January 2022:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **14 January 2022:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **20 January 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **21 January 2022:** *Bureau of the Assembly*



## Appendix 1



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### **First part of the 2022 Ordinary Session (24-28 January 2022)**

Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

Part-session to be held in a hybrid manner.

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1. Updated by the Bureau of the Assembly on 14 January 2022.



## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

EC/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance


ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe


UEL: Group of the Unified European Left


NR: Members not belonging to a political group


## Symbols

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 Presentation, statement

 Deadline for tabling documents

 Lists (speakers, questions)

 Votes

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Bureau of the Assembly

Friday 21 January: 09:30-13:00

Friday 28 January: 09:30-10:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:00-09:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:00-09:00

### Political groups

Monday: 09:00-11:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 24 January 2022

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### Sitting No. 1 (11:30-13:00)

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Examination of the credentials
- 1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly
- 1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly
- 1.4. Appointment of members of committees
- 1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
- 1.6. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.7. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Rome, 25-26 November 2021)

#### 2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
  - Presentation by:
    - o Mr Rik DAEMS (Belgium, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)
- 2.2. Observation of the presidential election in Bulgaria (14 November 2021)
  - Presentation by:
    - o Mr Alfred HEER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15428)
- 2.3. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan (28 November 2021)
  - Presentation by:
    - o Ms Marina BERLINGHIERI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15427)
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 23 January, 11:30)

### Sitting No. 2 (15:00-19:00)

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#### 3. Progress report (continued)

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 23 January, 11:30)
- [possibly] Vote

#### 4. Joint debate

- 4.1. The right to be heard: child participation, a foundation for democratic societies
  - Presentation by:
    - o Baroness Doreen E. MASSEY (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15435)
- 4.2. Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights
  - Presentation by:
    - o Ms Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15436)
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 23 January, 15:00)
  - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 20 January, 15:00)
  - Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15435)
  - Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15436)

#### 5. Debate

- 5.1. European Union Pact on Migration and Asylum: a human rights perspective
  - Presentation by:
    - o Mr Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15438)
  - Statement by:
    - o Ms Ylva JOHANSSON, European Commissioner for Home Affairs
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 23 January, 15:00)
  - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 20 January, 15:00)
  - Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15438)

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## Tuesday 25 January 2022

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### Sitting No. 3 (09:00-13:00)

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#### 6. [Possibly] Elections (09:00-14:00)

##### 6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 7. Joint debate

##### 7.1. Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Fourat BEN CHIKHA (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15425)

##### 7.2. Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Christophe LACROIX (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15429)
- Statements by:
  - o Ms Helena DALLI, European Commissioner for Equality (to be confirmed)
  - o Ms Michelle BACHELET JERIA, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (to be confirmed)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 21 January, 09:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15425)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15429)

#### 8. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 8.1. Mr Željko KOMŠIĆ, Chairperson of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 24 January, 09:00)

### Sitting No. 4 (15:30-19:30)

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#### 9. Address (15:30-16:30)

##### 9.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 24 January, 15:30)

#### 10. Address (16:30-17:30)

##### 10.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Benedetto DELLA VEDOVA, Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of Italy
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 24 January, 15:30)
- Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 17 January, 11:30)

#### 11. Debate

##### 11.1. The role of the media in times of crisis

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Annicka ENGBLOM (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 15437)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 January, 15:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 21 January, 15:30)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15437)

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## Wednesday 26 January 2022

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### Sitting No. 5 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 12. [Possibly] Elections (2nd round) (10:00-14:00)

#### 13. Debate

##### 13.1. Football governance: business and values

- Presentation by:
  - o Lord George FOULKES (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 15430)
- Statement by:
  - o Mr Giovanni INFANTINO, President of the FIFA - International Federation of Association Football
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 January, 10:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 January, 10:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15430)

#### 14. Debate

##### 14.1. Sports policies in times of crisis

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Carlos Alberto GONÇALVES (Portugal, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 15426)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 January, 10:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 January, 10:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15426)

### Sitting No. 6 (15:30-19:30)

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#### 15. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate

#### 16. Debate

##### 16.1. Poisoning of Alexei Navalny

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Jacques MAIRE (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15434)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 January, 15:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 24 January, 15:30)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15434)

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## Thursday 27 January 2022

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### Sitting No. 7 (09:00-13:00)

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#### 17. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate

#### 18. Debate

##### 18.1. Ending enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr André GATTOLIN (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15431)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 26 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 January, 09:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15431)

### Sitting No. 8 (15:00-19:00)

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#### 19. Event on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust<sup>2</sup> (15:00-16:00)

#### 20. Debate

##### 20.1. The Observatory on History Teaching in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Bertrand BOUYX (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 15423)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 26 January, 15:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 January, 15:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15423)

#### 21. Debate

##### 21.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Armenia

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Kimmo KILJUNEN (Finland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15432)
  - o Ms Boriana ÅBERG (Sweden, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15432)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 26 January, 15:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 January, 15:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15432)

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2. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2022)...

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#### 22. Debate

##### 22.1. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2021)

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Michael Aastrup JENSEN (Denmark, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15433)
- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 January, 10:00)
- 🗳️ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 26 January, 10:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15433)

#### 23. Debate

##### 23.1. Free debate

- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 January, 10:00)

#### 24. Progress report (continued)

#### 25. Constitution of the Standing Committee

#### 26. Closure of the part-session

## Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

- [Doc. 15386](#), Motion for a resolution, *The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*
- [Doc. 15390](#), Motion for a resolution, *Child abuse in Europe: addressing, compensation and prevention*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*
- [Doc. 15391](#), Motion for a resolution, *Systematic prosecution of democratic and human rights in Turkey*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey*
- [Doc. 15392](#), Motion for a resolution, *Political strategies to face the consequences of natural disasters*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*



## Appendix 3

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### **Bureau of the Assembly**

#### **Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2022**

##### **Preliminary proposals for dates<sup>1</sup>**

##### **Memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly**

Friday 21 January, 9.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 28 January, 8.30 am Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 10 March, 3.00 pm, Berlin	Bureau
Friday 11 March, 9.30 am, Berlin	Standing Committee
Monday 25 April, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 29 April, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 30 May, 3.00 pm, Dublin	Bureau
Tuesday 31 May, 9.00 am, Dublin	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Monday 20 June, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 24 June, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Monday 12 September, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau
Monday 10 October, 8.00 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Friday 14 October, 8.30 am, Strasbourg (part-session)	Bureau
Thursday 24 November, 3.00 pm, Reykjavik	Bureau
Friday 25 November, 9.30 am, Reykjavik	Standing Committee (CM Presidency)
Friday 9 December, 9.00 am, Paris	Bureau

<sup>1</sup> Dates of meetings due to be held elsewhere than in Strasbourg and Paris are subject to the agreement of the Parliament of the country concerned.

## Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022: call for nominations

16/01/2022 [Prize](#)



The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), in partnership with the [Václav Havel Library](#) and the [Charta 77 Foundation](#), has today issued a call for nominations for the 2022 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.

The Prize, created in 2013, aims to reward outstanding civil society action in defending human rights in Europe and beyond. Candidates should have made a real difference to the human rights situation of a given group, been instrumental in uncovering large-scale systemic violations, or have successfully mobilised public opinion or the international community for a cause.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the tenth edition of the Prize is 30 April 2022.

Nominations should be sent to the Parliamentary Assembly by e-mail to the following address: [hrprize.pace@coe.int](mailto:hrprize.pace@coe.int), using the [form](#) available on the [Prize](#)

[web page](#). They should be signed by at least five sponsors and submitted in either English or French.

The Prize, which will be awarded in October 2022 in Strasbourg, consists of a sum of €60,000, a trophy and a diploma.

Since 2013, it has been awarded successively to Ales Bialiatski (Belarus), Anar Mammadli (Azerbaijan), Ludmila Alexeeva (Russian Federation), Nadia Murad (Iraq), Murat Arslan (Turkey), Oyub Titiev (Russian Federation), jointly to Ilham Tohti (China) and the Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Balkans), Loujain Aihathoui (Saudi Arabia), and last year to Maria Kalesnikava (Belarus).

[Václav Havel Human Rights Prize web page](#)

[Video: "It's time to run"](#)

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