

## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1432<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (20 April 2022)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers the activities of the Assembly from 24 February 2022 to 21 April 2022.

## **I. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine**

On 24 February 2022, as an immediate response to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, the President of the Assembly, Mr Tiny Kox, convened an urgent meeting of the Joint Committee which took place on 25 February 2022. The meeting allowed the two statutory bodies of the Organisation to address the situation and its broader consequences, as well as to identify a coordinated response. At the same time, the President announced his intention to convene an Extraordinary Plenary Session of the Assembly on 14-15 March 2022.

### **A. Meeting of the Joint Committee of 25 February 2022**

The Joint Committee meeting of 25 February was the first opportunity for the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to express their unanimous condemnation of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine and to urge Russia to immediately end its military action and withdraw all its forces from Ukraine.

This meeting, which took place only a couple hours before the Committee of Ministers was due to take a decision on further concrete actions, allowed members of the Assembly to make their views and expectations heard. Members of the Assembly pointed out that in the face of such a grave violation of the Council of Europe's Statute, it was important for the Organisation to stand united and to act in close synergy.

A strong push towards the activation of article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe clearly transpired from the discussions.

The participants also supported the Assembly's President's intention to convene a PACE Extraordinary Session on 14 and 15 March 2022.

### **B. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 25 February 2022**

Meeting on 25 February, the Bureau took note of the outcome of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, notably the suspension, with immediate effect, of the Russian Federation from its rights of representation in the Committee of Ministers and in the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views on the effects of this decision.

It also took note of the President's decision to postpone to a later date the meeting of the Assembly's Standing Committee scheduled to be held in Berlin, on 11 March 2022, and to convene an Extraordinary Plenary Session of the Assembly, in Strasbourg, in a hybrid manner, on 14-15 March 2022. The Bureau also took note of the request tabled by the five leaders of the Assembly's political groups to hold an urgent debate on *Russian Federation's armed attack against Ukraine: the Council of Europe response* and drew up the preliminary draft agenda of the Extraordinary Session.

### **C. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 11 March 2022**

Meeting on 11 March, the Bureau took note of the request to hold a debate on *Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the five leaders of the Assembly's political groups. It also took note of the Committee of Ministers' decision of 10 March 2022 on "Consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine" and of the request by the Committee of Ministers, under Statutory Resolution (51)30, to consult the Parliamentary Assembly "on potential further use of Article 8 of the Statute".

In this context, the Bureau decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold the debate on *Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine* and to consider and adopt within this debate the Assembly's Opinion, requested by the Committee of Ministers under Statutory Resolution (51)30, and referred the matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report.

During the meeting, the Bureau also drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 2) of the Assembly's April part-session (25-28 April 2022) and decided to propose to the Assembly to hold a General Policy Debate on *Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine* and to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on this matter.

## **D. Other decisions taken by the Bureau**

On 11 March, the Bureau approved the following references and transmissions which were subsequently ratified by the Assembly:

### References and transmissions to committees:

- Doc. 15474 Motion for a resolution, *Humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*
- Doc. 15446 Motion for a resolution, *Examining the legitimacy and legality of the ad hominem term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

### Extension of a reference:

- *The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Malta* (Reference 4447 of 12 April 2019 – validity: 12 April 2022): extension until 24 June 2022

On 11 March, the Bureau authorised:

- the Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to meet in Rome, on 7-8 April 2022,
- the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination to meet in Stockholm, on 12 May 2022,
- the Committee in the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee) to meet in Ankara, on 24-25 May 2022.

## **II. Extraordinary plenary session (14-15 March 2022)**

The Assembly's Extraordinary Plenary Session of 14-15 March 2022 was held in Strasbourg, in a hybrid manner. It was the second time in its history that the Assembly met in an Extraordinary Session. The first Extraordinary Session was held in 1953.

The overall improvement of the health situation across Europe resulted in a large physical participation of members. In total, 212 parliamentarians and 54 secretaries of delegation travelled to Strasbourg.

### **A. Personalities**

- Mr Denys Shmyhal, Prime Minister of Ukraine
- Mr Benedetto della Vedova, Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of Italy, Italian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

### **B. Debate under urgent procedure**

On 15 March, at the end of a one full day debate, during which all members registered to speak – almost 150 – were able to take the floor, the Parliamentary Assembly unanimously adopted [Opinion 300 \(2022\)](#).

Taking into account that the Russian Federation committed serious violations of the Statute of the Council of Europe, incompatible with the status of a Council of Europe member State, did not honour its undertakings to the Council of Europe and did not comply with its commitments, the Assembly considered that the Russian Federation could no longer be a member State of the Organisation and called on the Committee of Ministers to request the Russian Federation to immediately withdraw from the Council of Europe.

Moreover, in light of the broader impact of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine on European co-operation and security, the Assembly invited the Committee of Ministers to open an in-depth reflection on the means to strengthen the indispensable role of the Council of Europe in the European institutional architecture and, in this context, reiterated its full support for the organisation of a 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of Council of Europe member States, which would chart the way forward for the Organisation.

As regards its own work, the Assembly resolved to continue to follow closely the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine. In addition, in view of the participation of Belarus in the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, the Assembly recommended that its Bureau should suspend relations between the Assembly and the Belarusian authorities in all its activities.

### **C. Media coverage**

Two highlights dominated the media coverage of the Assembly's two-day Extraordinary Session: the view that the Russian Federation should immediately cease to be a member State of the Organisation unanimously expressed by members, as well as the address by Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal. The Assembly's unanimous vote on Opinion 300(2022) was widely reported in international media, especially in Ukraine. A large number of international TV news agencies and channels followed the address of the Prime Minister of Ukraine. On social media, the impact was equally strong: around 550,000 impressions on Twitter, about the same as the average for a normal week-long session, and a reach of 18,000 on Facebook, with the largest audience in Ukraine. On YouTube, there were around 400 hours of "watch time" in total, with the final sitting – where the vote took place – the most followed.

### **D. Follow-up decisions and initiatives**

On 16 March, the Committee of Ministers decided, in the context of the procedure launched under Article 8 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, that the Russian Federation ceased to be a member of the Council of Europe as from that day.

As a result, a number of decisions dealing with legal and financial consequences of the cessation of membership of the Russian Federation were subsequently taken. On 6 April 2022, on the basis of a letter addressed by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Chairperson of the Ministers' Deputies, the Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution (2022)05 amending article 26 of the Statute - which refers to the number of seats allocated to each member State in the Parliamentary Assembly - so as to delete reference to the Russian Federation and its representatives in the Assembly.

The Parliamentary Assembly, as all other bodies of the Council of Europe, has already refocused its activities to address the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine – notably from a legal, political and humanitarian point of view –, and to provide concrete support to Ukraine, including through the reinforcement of the parliamentary dimension of cooperation activities.

On 7 April 2022, at the invitation of the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Mr Ruslan Stefanchuk, an Assembly delegation, led by the President of the Assembly and composed of the leaders of the Assembly's five political groups and of the Secretary General of the Assembly, travelled to Lviv. This was the first official Council of Europe visit to Ukraine since the beginning of the Russian Federation's aggression.

The delegation had the opportunity to discuss with the Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada and the members of the Ukrainian delegation to the PACE how the Assembly could continue to effectively support Ukraine at this difficult time. During the visit, members of the delegation also met with the Mayor of Lviv, Anriy Sadovyy, and the head of the regional civil-military administration, Maxim Kozycky. They also visited the local Humanitarian Aid Co-ordination centre and took part in a charitable event aimed at raising funds to the victims of Russian aggression. See statement [here](#).

### III. Activities of committees and networks, and election observation missions

- On 4 March 2022, meeting in hybrid manner, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**
  - held a hearing on *The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Frédéric Reiss, (France, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Joan Barata, Research Fellow, Program on Platform Regulation, Cyber Policy Center, Stanford University, Mr Paul Reilly, Senior Lecturer in Social Media and Digital Society, Deputy Director of Learning and Teaching, Information School, University of Sheffield, and Ms Eliska Pirkova, Access Now, European Policy Analyst and Global Freedom of Expression Lead, Brussels;
  - 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 Wolfgang E. Ebbers, Professor at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Public Administration, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Mr Christophe Fraser, Senior Group Leader in Pathogen Dynamics at the Big Data Institute, and Professor in the Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK, and Ms Alessandra Pierucci, Chairperson of the Committee on the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regards to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (CETS No. 108);
  - held an exchange of views on *Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN)* in the context of a report prepared by Ms Marta Grande (Italy, NR), with the participation of Ms Chantal Cutajar, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer-Researcher, specialist in the prevention and fight against organised crime and money laundering, University of Strasbourg, France, Member of the OCEAN Advisory Board.
  
- On 14 March 2022, meeting in hybrid manner, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**
  - held a hearing on Combating antisemitism in Europe, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), with the participation of Mr Daniel Höltgen, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on antisemitic, anti-Muslim and other forms of religious intolerance and hate crimes, Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, and Ms Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life.
  
- On 17 March 2022, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**
  - held an exchange of views on *The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC), with the participation of Ms Abigail Marks, Professor of Future of Work, Newcastle University Business School (United Kingdom), Mr Stijn Broecke, Senior Economist and lead of the OECD Future of Work Initiative, and Mr Richard Samans, Director, RESEARCH Department, ILO.
  
- On 21 March 2022, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - held an exchange of views on *Humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Advisor to the Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights;
  - held a hearing on *the theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, ALDE), with the participation of Ms Fabienne Keller, Member of the European Parliament, and Mr Giuseppe Milazzo, Senior Media Analyst, Osservatorio di Pavia, Italy.

➤ On 22 March 2022, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:**

- held a hearing on *Respect for the rule of law and fight against corruption within the Council of Europe*, in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), with the participation of Mr Gerald Knaus, President of the European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin (Germany), Ms Kathryn Stone O.B.E, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, London (United Kingdom), and Ms Aurélia de Tonnac, Deputy to the Legal and Ethics Director of the High Authority for Transparency in Public Life (HATVP), Paris (France).

➤ On 29 March 2022, 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 an exchange of views on Monitoring procedures in the Council of Europe with the participation of Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe.

➤ On 30 March 2022, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe of the Monitoring Committee:**

- held an exchange of views on *Recent developments concerning the Transnistrian conflict settlement process*, with the participation of Mr Oleg Serebrian, Deputy Prime Minister for reintegration of the Republic of Moldova, and Mr Claus Neukirch, Head of the OSCE Mission in Chisinau.

➤ On 4 April 2022, meeting in a hybrid manner, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

- held a hearing on *Legal and human rights aspects of the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine*, with the participation of Mr Sergei Guriev, Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics at Sciences Po, Paris, Professor Bill Bowring, Birkbeck College, University of London, United Kingdom, and Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Director, Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Strasbourg;

- held a hearing on *Political prisoners in the Russian Federation*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), with the participation of Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, Founding Chairperson of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom, 2016-2021, Mr Vladimir Milov, Advisor to Mr Alexei Navalny, and Ms Vera Chelischeva, Reporter, Head of the Judicial Department of Novaya Gazeta.

➤ On 3 April 2022, an **ad hoc committee of the Bureau** chaired by Mr Alexander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD), observed the conduct of the presidential and early parliamentary elections in Serbia, in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOH) (partner organisations: OSCE-PA, ODIHR and the European Parliament). A pre-electoral mission was carried out on 2-3 March 2022. See statement [here](#).

#### **IV. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports**

➤ ***Protecting the pillars of democracy during health crises***

On **11 April 2022**, Ms **Marietta Karamanli** (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out online meetings with Mr Andreas Kieffer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, and Mr Pierre Garrone, Secretary of the Council for Democratic Elections, Venice Commission.

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

➤ ***Beyond the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening the strategic partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union***

Mr **Titus Corlăţean** (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, on **23-24 February 2022**.

➤ ***The impact of Brexit on human rights on the island of Ireland***

**Mr George Katrougalos** (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Dublin, Belfast and London, on **23-28 February 2022**.

➤ ***Finding solutions to marital captivity***

**Ms Margreet De Boer** (Netherlands, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the Netherlands, on **9-10 March 2022**.

➤ ***How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?***

**Mr André Vallini** (France, SOC) rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Rome, on **21-22 March 2022**.

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

**Mr John Howell** (United Kingdom, EC/DA) and **Mr Boriss Cilevičs** (Latvia, SOC), co-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 Turkey, on **21-24 March 2022**.

➤ ***Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic***

**Mr Jacques Maire** (France, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Bishkek, on **22-24 March 2022**.

- ***Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management and Humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine***

**Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez** (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur for both reports of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland, including Frontex, on **20-21 April 2022**.

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

➤ **23 March 2022, Rabat, Morocco:** in cooperation with the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Assembly organised a round table on *the Evaluation of Public Policies: The reform of the administration, comparative practices; views of legislators and experts*, in the framework of the Joint Programme with the European Union on "Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco".

➤ **30 March 2022, Rabat, Morocco:** in cooperation with the House of Councillors of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Assembly organised a round table on *the Evaluation of Public Policies: Youth policies; preparation and integration of young people into working life*, in the framework of the Joint Programme with the European Union on "Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco".

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

- Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE) and Mr Rik Daems (Belgium, ALDE) attended the 130th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (18-19 March 2022).
- In the framework of the preparation of a report on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey* (co-rapporteurs: Mr John Howell United Kingdom, EC/DA and Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC), the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) decided, on 29 March 2022, to request a Venice Commission Opinion on the amendments to the electoral law in Turkey.
- A representative of the Venice Commission gave legal advice to the PACE delegation which observed the presidential and early parliamentary elections Serbia on 3 April 2022.

- On 4 April 2022, Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission, participated in a hearing on *Legal and human rights aspects of the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine* organised by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights,
- On 11 April 2022, Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *Protecting the pillars of democracy during health crises*, carried out an online meeting with Mr Pierre Garrone, Secretary of the Council for Democratic Elections, the Venice Commission

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

- Mr Titus Corlăţean, Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *Beyond the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening the strategic partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Brussels on 23-24 February 2022, meeting, among others, Commissioners Reynders, Šuiça and Dalli, as well as the Vice-President of the European Parliament in charge of relations with the Council of Europe, Mr Dimitrios Papadimoulis.
- Ms Fabienne Keller, Member of the European Parliament, addressed, on 21 March 2022, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons at the hearing on *the theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants*, in the context of the report prepared by Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, ALDE).
- Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Advisor to the Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, addressed, on 21 March 2022, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, at the exchange of views on *humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*, in the context of the report prepared by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC).
- During his fact-finding visit to Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), from 22 to 24 March 2022, Mr Jacques Maire, Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*, met Mr Raimonds Vingris, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Head of Political, Press and Information section, and Mr Iotam Lerer, Project Manager, Cooperation Section, EU Delegation to the Kyrgyz Republic.

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

- . **24 February 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **25 February 2022:** *Joint Committee*
- . **25 February 2022:** *Bureau*
- . **10 March 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **11 March 2022:** *Bureau*
- . **11 March 2022:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **11 March 2022:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **14 March 2022:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **14, 15 and 16 March 2022:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy (Extraordinary session)*
- . **17 March 2022:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Sub-committees*
- . **21 March 2022:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*



- . **22 March 2022:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **29 March 2022:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **29 March 2022:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **30 March 2022:** *Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Council of Europe Member States of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **4 April 2022:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **6-7 April 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **7-8 April 2022:** *Sub-Committee on Children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (High-level conference "Beyond the Horizon: a New Era for the Rights of the Child")*
- . **14 April 2022:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **20 April 2022:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **21 April 2022:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **21 April 2022:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **21 April 2022:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*

Doc. 15462  
14 March 2022

## Extraordinary Session (14-15 March 2022)

### Agenda<sup>1</sup>

Extraordinary Session held in a hybrid manner.

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1. Adopted by the Assembly on 14 March 2022.



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## Monday 14 March 2022

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### Sitting No. 1 (11:30-12:15)

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#### 1. Opening of the Extraordinary Session

##### 1.1. Statement by the President

##### 1.2. Examination of credentials

- List of delegations:
  - o (Doc. 15473)

##### 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2022) 03)

##### 1.4. References to committees (AS/Inf (2022) 08)

##### 1.5. Request for urgent debate

- 1.5.1. Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

##### 1.6. Adoption of the agenda

### Sitting No. 2 (16:00-18:00)

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#### 2. Address 16:00

##### 2.1. Mr Denys SHMYHAL, Prime Minister of Ukraine

#### 3. Address (16:00-17:00)

##### 3.1. 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: Sunday 13 March, 16:00)

#### 4. Address (17:00-18:00)

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

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ

 Questions (deadline for registration: Sunday 13 March, 16:00)

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## Tuesday 15 March 2022

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### Sitting No. 3 (09:30-13:00)

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#### 5. Debate under urgent procedure

##### 5.1. Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Ingerd SCHOU (Norway, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15477)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 14 March, 10:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 14 March, 20:00)

### Sitting No. 4 (15:00-20:30)

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#### 6. Debate (continued)

##### 6.1. Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Ingerd SCHOU (Norway, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15477)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 14 March, 10:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 14 March, 20:00)
- Vote on a draft Opinion (Doc. 15477)

#### 7. Closure of the Extraordinary Session



Doc. 15478 prov1  
11 April 2022

## Second part of the 2022 Ordinary Session (25-28 April 2022)

### Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

This part-session will be held in a hybrid manner.

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 11 March 2022. Updated, on 5 April 2022, by the Secretary General of the Assembly, upon instructions by the President, following consultation in the Presidential Committee, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the next meeting of the Bureau of the Assembly.



## Sitting No. 10 (16:30-19:30)

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### 1. Opening of the part-session

#### 1.1. Statement by the President

#### 1.2. Examination of credentials

#### 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees

#### 1.4. Request(s) for debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate

1.4.1. Debate under urgent procedure: Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine: ensuring accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law

#### 1.5. Adoption of the agenda

### 2. Debate

#### 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau

Presentation by:

- o Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 24 April, 16:30)

### 3. Debate

#### 3.1. For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content

Presentation by:

- o Mr Dimitri HOUBRON (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15494)
- o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 24 April, 16:30)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 21 April, 16:30)

Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15494)

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## Tuesday 26 April 2022

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### Sitting No. 11 (10:00-13:00)

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#### 4. [Possibly] Elections (10:00-15:00)

#### 5. Debate

##### 5.1. Beyond the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening the strategic partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union

Presentation by:

- o Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15495)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 April, 10:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 22 April, 10:00)

Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15495)

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

##### 6.1. Annual activity report 2021 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (CommDH(2022)...)

Presentation by:

- o Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 25 April, 10:00)

### Sitting No. 12 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 7. Question time (15:30-16:00)

##### 7.1. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 25 April, 15:30)

#### 8. Debate

##### 8.1. Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities

Presentation by:

- o Ms Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15496)
- o Ms Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. ...)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 April, 15:30)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 22 April, 15:30)

Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15496)

#### 9. Debate

##### 9.1. Tackling discrimination based on social origin

Presentation by:

- o Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Turkey, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15499)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 April, 15:30)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 22 April, 15:30)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15499)

**Sitting No. 13** (10:00-13:00)

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**10. [Possibly] Elections (2nd round)** (10:00-15:00)

**11. General policy debate**

**11.1. Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur (Doc. ...)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 April, 10:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 April, 17:00)

**12. Address** (12:00-13:00)

**12.1. Mr Sergio MATTARELLA, President of the Italian Republic**

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 April, 10:00)

**Sitting No. 14** (15:30-20:30)

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**13. General policy debate (continued)**

**13.1. Consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur (Doc. ...)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 April, 17:00)
- Vote on ... ()

**14. Debate**

**14.1. How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr André VALLINI (France, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15500)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 April, 15:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 April, 15:30)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15500)

**15. Debate**

**15.1. Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by law enforcement officers**

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Oleksandr MEREZHKO (Ukraine, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15498)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 April, 15:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 April, 15:30)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15498)



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### Sitting No. 15 (10:00-13:00)


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#### 16. Address (10:00-11:00)

##### 16.1. 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: Wednesday 27 April, 10:00)


 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 April, 11:30)


#### 17. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure<sup>2</sup>

##### 17.1. Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine: ensuring accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law

- Presentation by:
  - o Rapporteur AS/Jur, (Doc. ...)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 April, 10:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 April, 15:30)

 Vote on ... ()

### Sitting No. 16 (15:30-19:30)

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#### 18. Free debate (15:30-16:00)


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 April, 15:30)


#### 19. Debate

##### 19.1. Safeguarding and promoting genuine democracy in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Marie-Christine DALLOZ (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15486)
  - o Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. 15501)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 April, 15:30)


 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 April, 15:30)


 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15486)


#### 20. Debate

##### 20.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15497)
  - o Mr Claude KERN (France, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15497)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 April, 15:30)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 April, 15:30)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15497)

#### 21. Progress report (continued)

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

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.