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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1437th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (15 June 2022)

¹ This document covers activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau of 28 April 2022 up to the meeting of the Bureau of 20 June 2022.

I. Main developments between the Assembly's April part-session and the June part-session

A. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

Since the April part-session, during which two major debates on the role and response of the Council of Europe to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine were held (namely on the consequences of the aggression and on ensuring accountability for serious violations of international humanitarian law), the Assembly continued to intensify its work covering the multifaced implications and consequences of the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

On 4-6 May 2022, Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on *The humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Romania, the Slovak Republic, as well as to Ukraine – more specifically to Uzghorod and Chernivtsi, where he was able to witness the situation on the ground and to gather first-hand information from international and national actors providing assistance and support to IDPs. Mr Fridez's report will be debated during the June 2022 part-session, on Wednesday 22 June, together with two other reports on *Protection and alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant and refugee children* and on *Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation*.

Moreover, as a part of the overall reflection on the need to strengthen democratic security in Europe in the light of the Russian Federation's aggression against the Ukraine, on 21 June the Assembly will hold a debate on *Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?*. This debate will be followed by a high-level panel on "*Upholding democratic security in Europe*", with the participation of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence of Ireland, Mr Simon Coveney, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, as well as two keynote speakers, namely Mr Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of Belarus opposition. After the opening remarks and statements by the invited guests, the floor will be opened for interventions by members of the Assembly in order to have a meaningful and interactive debate; keynote speakers will have the opportunity to reply to the questions raised by members at the end of the discussions.

Last but not least, in the context of the Assembly's ongoing work on addressing the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, it is important to mention the decision of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to create an ad hoc Sub-Committee mandated to carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine, for the purpose of gathering information on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity, and other serious human rights violation committed during the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

The exact date of the visit is to be defined in consultation with the Ukrainian delegation. The programme of the visit will include meetings with the members of the Ukrainian delegation of the Assembly and other members of the Verkhovna Rada, representatives of the competent Ukrainian authorities, in particular the Prosecutor General, the Ombudsperson and representatives of the Ministry of Justice and Foreign Affairs, as well as with witnesses of alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity or other grave violations of human rights. The ad hoc Sub-Committee is composed of 12 members reflecting the proportional representation of Assembly's political groups and is chaired by the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

B. Assembly's contribution to the 132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers (20 May 2022)

The Ministerial Session in Turin was a timely opportunity for member States to reaffirm their commitment to the principles and values of the Council of Europe and to a stronger intra-institutional co-operation and dialogue with the Parliamentary Assembly and the Secretary General. In this context, addressing the Ministerial session, the President of the Assembly recognised the excellent cooperation with the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General that prevailed throughout the past few months and shared the Assembly's views on the future of the Organisation. He highlighted the importance to strengthen the role of the Organisation as the cornerstone of European political architecture and the need for it to be better equipped to respond more effectively to today and tomorrow's most pressing challenges. Against this background, he called for a Fourth Summit of Council of Europe Heads of State and Government.

This position was reiterated and endorsed by members of the Assembly on the occasion of a current affairs debate on *Towards a fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe: the way forward*, which was held in Dublin, on 31 May, during the meeting of the Standing Committee. During the debate, members outlined a vision for the Organisation which, thanks to new competencies, would be better equipped not only to protect and promote democratic security on the continent, but also to take more timely and effective collective action to protect and develop rules-based multilateralism.

The Assembly looks forward to closely collaborating with the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General in the follow-up to the Decisions of the Ministerial session in Turin, in particular regarding the reflection about a Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government, including in the framework of the report currently being prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on *A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe*.

II. Meeting of the Bureau (30 May 2022)

Meeting on 30 May, in Dublin, the Bureau recommended that the Standing Committee meeting in Dublin, on 31 May, should hold a current affairs debate on *Towards a fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe: the way forward*, tabled by the leaders of all political groups and suggested appointing Mr Jacques Maire (France, ALDE) as first speaker.

The Bureau took note of the updated draft agenda (Appendix 1) of the Standing Committee and drew up the draft agenda of the Assembly's third part session of 2022, to be held in Strasbourg on 20-24 June 2022 (Appendix 2).

The Bureau held an exchange of views with the Secretary General and took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General.

The Bureau approved the following references and transmissions, which were ratified by the Standing Committee on 31 May:

- References and transmissions to committees

[Doc. 15533](#), Motion for a recommendation, *A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report.

- Request for an extension of reference

[Doc. 14921](#), *The situation in Kosovo** (Reference 4462 of 30 September 2019 – extended on 7 May 2020 and on 1 February 2021): extension until 30 September 2023.

During the meeting, the Bureau approved the proposals contained in the memorandum by the Secretary General of the Assembly on "The Assembly's procedures and working methods during sessions and meetings held in physical presence of members: lessons learned from operation in hybrid format" (Appendix 3). Proposed changes aim at allocating more speaking time to rapporteurs for their presentation and replies, as well as optimising the deadlines for the notification of participation of substitutes; these will be already applied on a provisional basis during the June part-session. In the meantime, the Committee on Rules and Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs will examine the amendments to the Rules that could be made on the basis of these proposals.

The Bureau also authorised:

- the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Bern/Neuchâtel (Switzerland), on 5-6 September;
- the ad-hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on gathering information on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine to hold a meeting in Ukraine, at a date to be defined in consultation with the Ukrainian delegation.

* Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

Finally, the Bureau took note of the concept paper of the 2022 edition of the World Forum for Democracy, which will be organised in Strasbourg between 7 and 9 November 2022, and decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum.

III. Meeting of the Standing Committee (31 May 2022)

The Standing Committee, meeting on 31 May 2022 in Dublin:

- heard welcome addresses by Mr Seán Ó Feargháil, T.D. An Ceann Comhairle, Speaker of Dáil Éireann, and by Senator Mark Daly, Cathaoirleach, Speaker of Seanad Éireann;
- held an exchange of views with Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence of Ireland, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- held a current affairs debate on *Towards a fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe: the way forward*;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Resolution 2439 (2022)	Access to abortion in Europe: stopping anti-choice harassment
Resolution 2440 (2022)	Gender mainstreaming of migration policies
Resolution 2441 (2022)	Addiction to prescribed medicines
Recommendation 2233 (2022)	Addiction to prescribed medicines
Resolution 2442 (2022)	Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty
Recommendation 2234 (2022)	Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty
- decided to hold its next meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, on 25 November 2022.

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

- On 9 May 2022, meeting in Rome, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**:

held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Dario Franceschini, Minister of Culture, Italy;

held a hearing on *Youth and the media*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Tamar Taliashvili, (Georgia, SOC) with the participation of Ms Adriana Mutu, Academic and Quality Director, Professor at ESIC Business and Marketing School, Barcelona, Mr Pasquale Stanzione, President of the Italian Data Protection Authority, Italy, Ms Mariek Vanden Abeele, Associate Professor in Digital Culture at the Department of Communication Sciences of Ghent University, Belgium, and Mr Vittorio Gattari, Board Member of the Italian Youth Council, member of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) of the Council of Europe;

held a joint hearing on *The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) and *The role of sites of remembrance: places of commemoration and education for democratic citizenship* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC) with the participation of Ms Erica Battaglia, Delegate of the Mayor of Rome, President of the Culture, Youth Policies and Labour Commission of the Council of the City of Rome, Mr Stefano Dominioni, Executive Secretary, Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, DG II – Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe, Ms Barbara Toce, Rapporteur of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe on “Culture without borders: Cultural heritage management for local and regional development”, Italy, Mr John Patrick Leech, President of the Atrium Route, Forli/Bologna, Italy, Mr Carlo Puddu, Director of the Liberation Route, Lucca, Italy, Ms Liliana Segre, Senator and Holocaust survivor, Italy (written message), Ms Assumpció Hosta, Secretary General of the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ), Barcelona, Spain, and Mr Mirco Carrattieri, President of the Scientific Committee of Liberation Route, Italy.

- On 10 May 2022, meeting in Rome, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**:

held a hearing on *Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Marta Grande (Italy, NR), with the participation of Ms Maria Cristina Messa, Minister of University

and Research, Italy (pre-recorded video), Mr Christophe Poirel, Director, Directorate of Human Rights, DGI - Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe (pre-recorded video), Mr Michele Nicoletti, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, professor at the Department of Letters and Philosophy, School of International Studies, University of Trento, Italy, representative of the OCEAN Project, Ms Marina Calloni, co-ordinator of the UNIRE network (Universities in network against gender violence), Italy, and Mr Giovanni Guiglia, General Coordinator of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter and Social Rights (ANESC), Italy;

held a hearing on *Cultural heritage and climate change*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Alberto Ribolla (Italy, EC/DA), with the participation of Ms Alessandra Bonazza, Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, National Research Council, Bologna, Italy, and Mr Dario Camuffo, National Research Council (CNR) – Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, Padua, Italy.

➤ On 12 May 2022, meeting in Stockholm, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

held a hearing on *Women in peace and reconciliation*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of Ms Matilda Lidström-Dougnac, Senior Gender Advisor, Swedish armed forces, Ms Gabriela Elroy, Head of the Gender Equality Unit, Folke Bernadotte Academy – Swedish Agency for peace, security and development, and Ms Birgitta Holst Alani, Swedish Women's Mediation Network;

held an exchange of views with Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;

held a hearing on *Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), with the participation of Ms Anna-Sara Lind, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in respect of Sweden, Mr Mattias Gardell, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Religion, Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism, Uppsala University, and Mr Kitimbwa Sabuni, Spokesperson of the National Association of Afro-Swedes (ASR) and the Muslim Human Rights Committee (MMRK).

➤ On 18 May 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:**

held an exchange of views on *Health and social protection of undocumented workers* in the context of a report prepared by Ms Ada Marra (Switzerland, SOC) with the participation of Ms Lilana Keith, senior advocacy officer - labour rights and labour migration of PICUM (Platform for International Co-operation on Undocumented Migrants), and Mr Marco Omizzolo, sociologist, journalist, and researcher at Eurispes (Institute for Political, Economic and Social Studies).

➤ On 19 May 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment:**

held an exchange of views on methodology and outcomes, as well as other activities foreseen in the network's work programme;

heard a presentation of the 3rd report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and held an exchange of views with Ms Yamina Saheb, representative of the IPCC and member of the Working Group III on the Sixth Assessment report of the IPCC, entitled "Climate Change 2022 – Mitigation of Climate Change";

held an exchange of views on "What Mobility for Tomorrow?" with the participation of Mr Nicolas Raillard, Project Manager of the Transformation Plan of the French Economy, The Shift Project (Paris);

held a round table on "Promoting youth and child participation to combat the climate crisis" with project partners Flavie and Alexis, eco-delegates at the "Institution Jeanne d'Arc" (Colombes, France), accompanied by their professor, Mr Najib Benarafa.

The [website of the Network](#) was launched on 1 June 2022.

- On 23 May 2022, meeting in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

held a hearing on *Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (the Netherlands, EPP/CD) with the participation of Dr Leyla Ferman, Chair of Women for Justice, Germany, and Ms Naomi Prodeau, Lead lawyer, investigations team, Free Yezidi Foundation, Iraq.

held a hearing on *Preventing vaccine discrimination* in the context of a report prepared by Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), with the participation of Ms Karine Lefevre, Vice-President, National Ethical Consultative Committee for life sciences and health, Paris, Mr Jan Rohde-Stadler, Team Leader on COVID-19 Free Movement issues, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium.

- On 24 May 2022, meeting in Paris, 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 in Spain*, with the participation of Mr Joaquim Urias, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Sevilla, Spain, Ms Paz Lloria, Professor of Criminal Law, University of Valencia, Spain, and Mr Schnutz Durr, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission.

- On 9 June 2022, meeting in Strasbourg, **the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:**

took part in the General Assembly of the Association of Towns awarded the Europe Prize and heard speeches by Mr Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, President of the Association, Ms Véronique Bertholle, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of cross-border, European and international relations and European institutions, Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, Mr Jerzy Bauriski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the Council of Europe, Mr Ihor Terekhov, Vice-President of the Association, Mayor of Kharkiv, Ukraine, Mr Oleksandr Symchyshyn, Mayor of Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine, and Mr Viktor Synyshyn, representative of the Municipal Council of Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

held an exchange of views with the representatives of the participating cities on the war in Ukraine;

heard presentations from cities and the Youth Forum on “The impact of the pandemic on various areas of the city’s functioning”.

V. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports

- ***Fighting vaccine-preventable diseases through improved services and anti-vaccine myth-busting***

Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out an online meeting with WHO representatives, on **6 May 2022**.

- ***The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence***

Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*:

carried out an online meeting with Dr Erik Melander, professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University, on **23 May 2022**;

carried out an online meeting with Mr Chris Green, Founder White Ribbon Campaign UK, Co-founder Male Allies Challenging Sexism, on **23 May 2022**;

carried out an online meeting with Mr Kham Chanthavysouk, Policy Specialist, UN Women, on **10 June 2022**;

carried out an online meeting with Mr Roberto Olla, Head of the Human Dignity and Gender Equality Department, DGII, Council of Europe, and Ms Cécile Greboval, Administrator, Gender Equality Division, Council of Europe, on **10 June 2022**.

➤ ***The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport***

Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*:

carried out an online meeting with Ms Sophie Kwasny, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), and with Ms Francine Hetherington Raveney, Deputy Executive Secretary of EPAS, on **1 June 2022**;

carried out an online meeting with FIFA representatives including Ms Joyce Cook, Senior Advisor to the President's Office (Safe Sport Entity), Ms Annaliza Tsakona, Senior Public Affairs Manager, and Mr Gerd Dembowski, Senior Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Manager, on **7 June 2022**;

carried out an online meeting with Cianán Russell, ILGA-Europe, Francesca Sanders, TGEU (Transgender Europe), Ilaria Todde, EuroCentralAsian Lesbian* Community (EL*C), Hugh Torrence, European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), and Sarah Townsend, European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), on **7 June 2022**.

VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights***

Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Austria (Vienna) on **9-10 May 2022**.

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

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 Türkiye on **18-20 May 2022**.

➤ ***The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges***

Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Türkiye (Ankara and Istanbul) on **6-7 June 2022**.

➤ ***Call for Famagusta's return to its lawful inhabitants***

Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to Cyprus on **6-8 June 2022**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova***

Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) and **Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere** (Latvia, EPP/CD), 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 the Republic of Moldova on **6-9 June 2022**.

➤ ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary***

Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) and **Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross** (Estonia, ALDE), 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 Hungary on **14-15 June 2022**.

VII. Cooperation with the Venice Commission

- **73rd meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (16 June 2022, Venice):** Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) and Michael Georg Link (Germany, ALDE) are scheduled to attend the meeting.
- **131st Plenary session of the Venice Commission (17-18 June 2022, Venice):** Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) is scheduled to attend the session.

VIII. External relations

- Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

On 8 June 2022, the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly met the Secretary General of the European Parliament to discuss concrete modalities of enhancing co-operation between the two institutions, in particular, in addressing the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine. The Secretaries General discussed the possible visit of the President of the Assembly to European Union institutions in Brussels including a meeting with the President of the European Parliament (EP), as well as the holding of consultations between the Assembly's Presidential Committee and the European Parliament's Conference of Presidents. Moreover, the Secretaries General discussed the advancement of talks between the Assembly and the EP on the possibility to use the EP's Chamber for Assembly's plenary sessions in 2023-2024, during the period of renovation of the Assembly's Chamber.

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

- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People*
- . **28 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings*
- . **29 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **29 April 2022, Strasbourg:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **9-10 May 2022, Rome:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **12 May 2022, Stockholm:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **13 May 2022, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **9-10 May 2022, Rome:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **16-17 May 2022, Chania:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **18 May 2022, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on Children*

- . **18 May 2022, Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **19 May 2022, Paris:** *Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment*
- . **23 May 2022, Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **23 May 2022, Paris:** *Sub-committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights*
- . **23 May 2022, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **24 May 2022, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **30 May 2022, Dublin:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **30 May 2022, Dublin:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **31 May 2022, Dublin:** *Standing Committee*
- . **3 June 2022, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **7 June 2022, Paris:** *Committee on Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **9 June 2022, Paris:** *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize*

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Standing Committee

Revised draft agenda

of the meeting to be held

in Dublin on Tuesday 31 May 2022 from 09:00 to 13:30

(Venue: The Westin Hotel, College Green, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, Ireland)

1. Opening of the meeting by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly
2. Welcome addresses by:
 - Mr Seán Ó Fearghail, T.D. An Ceann Comhairle, Speaker of Dáil Éireann
 - Senator Mark Daly, Cathaoirleach, Speaker of Seanad Éireann
3. **At 12:30**
Exchange of views with Mr Simon Coveney, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence of Ireland

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4. Examination of new credentials Doc. 15540
5. Modifications in the composition of committees Commissions (2022) 05
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6. Request for a current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure)
Towards a fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe: the way forward
7. Agenda AS/Per (2022) OJ 02 rev
Adoption of the revised draft agenda
8. **At around 09:30**
Current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure)
Towards a fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe: the way forward

**This document is the convocation to the meeting
for the members of the Standing Committee**

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**Members who wish to present amendments
are invited to table them in writing with the Table Office as follows:
Deadline for tabling amendments: Friday 27 May 2022 at 10:00 at the latest**

- 9. Third part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly (20-24 June 2022)** Doc. 15522 prov2
Consideration of the draft agenda
- 10. References to committees** AS/Per (2022) 05
Consideration of the proposals submitted by the Bureau of the Assembly
- 11. Equality and Non-Discrimination**
Access to abortion in Europe: stopping anti-choice harassment
Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: [Doc. 15459](#)
Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)
Debate
Vote on a draft resolution
- 12. Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons**
Gender mainstreaming of migration policies
Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: [Doc. 15456](#)
Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)
Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination (for opinion): [Doc. 15457](#)
Ms Sena Nur Çelik (Turkey, NR) and amendments
Debate
Vote on a draft resolution
- 13. Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development**
a. Addiction to prescribed medicines
Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: [Doc. 15454](#)
Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD)
Debate
Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation
b. Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation
and a moral duty
Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: [Doc. 15524](#)
Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC)
Debate
Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation
- 14. Other business**
- 15. Next meeting**
Reykjavik, Iceland, 25 November 2022 (to be confirmed)

Appendix II – Agenda of the Third part of the 2022 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, 20-24 June 2022)



Doc. 15522 prov2
14 June 2022

**Third part of the 2022 Ordinary Session
(20-24 June 2022)**

Draft agenda¹

1. Updated by the Bureau of the Assembly on 30 May 2022.
Updated, on 14 June 2022, under the authority of the Secretary General of the Assembly, to reflect modifications to be proposed to the Bureau of the Assembly (modifications are indicated in grey).



Monday 20 June 2022

Sitting No. 17 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly in respect of Malta and Portugal
- 1.4. Changes in the membership 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 (31 May 2022)

2. Debate

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)

2.2. Observation of the presidential and early parliamentary elections in Serbia (3 April 2022)

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15534)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 10:00)

Sitting No. 18 (15:00-17:00)

3. Debate

3.1. The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Momodou Malcolm JALLOW (Sweden, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15535)
 - o Sir Tony LLOYD (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. 15536)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 12:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15535)

4. Free debate

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 12:00)

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Sitting No. 19 (10:00-13:00)

5. Debate

5.1. Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15541)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

6. Upholding democratic security in Europe²

6.1. High Level Panel and interactive debate

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

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

7. Address (15:30-16:30)

7.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Simon COVENEY, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence of Ireland, Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)
- ⊕ Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 13 June, 11:30)

8. Question time (16:30-17:00)

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

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)

9. Debate (continued)

9.1. Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15541)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)
- ⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15541)

10. Joint debate

10.1. The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 15544](#))

10.2. Reported cases of political prisoners in the Russian Federation

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 15545](#))

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 12:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 June, 16:00)

🔔 Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15544](#))

🔔 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 15545](#))

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Sitting No. 21 (10:00-13:00)

11. Debate

11.1. Preventing and combating antisemitism in Europe

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15539)
- Statement by:
 - o Ms Ute STEYER, Rabbi of the Great Synagogue of Stockholm
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 June, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 10:30)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15539)

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

12.1. Her Excellency Ms Katerina SAKELLAROPOULOU, President of the Hellenic Republic

- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 15 June, 12:00)

Sitting No. 22 (15:30-20:00)

13. Joint debate

13.1. Humanitarian consequences and internal and external migration in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15547)

13.2. Protection and alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant and refugee children

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15548)
 - o Ms Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. ...)

13.3. Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15525)
 - o Ms Boriana ÅBERG (Sweden, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. 15538)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 June, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 June, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15547)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15548)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15525)

Thursday 23 June 2022

Sitting No. 23 (10:00-13:00)

14. Debate

14.1. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Malta

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Bernard FOURNIER (France, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15546)
- Mr George LOUCAIDES (Cyprus, UEL), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15546)

- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 June, 19:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 June, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15546)

15. Debate

15.1. Ensuring accountability for the downing of flight MH17

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15543)

- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 June, 19:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 June, 10:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15543)

16. Address (12:30-13:00)

16.1. His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands

Sitting No. 24 (15:30-20:00)

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

18. Debate

18.1. The control of online communication: a threat to media pluralism, freedom of information and human dignity

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Frédéric REISS (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 15537)

- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 12:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15537)

19. Debate

19.1. Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Jacques MAIRE (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15526)
- Mr Serhii KALCHENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. ...)

- 📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 12:00)
- ⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15526)

Friday 24 June 2022

Sitting No. 25 (10:00-13:00)

20. Debate

20.1. Fighting vaccine-preventable diseases through quality services and anti-vaccine myth-busting

☐ Presentation by:

- o Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15542)

📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 June, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 23 June, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15542)

21. Free debate (continued)

📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 June, 12:00)

22. Progress report

22.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

23. Closure of the part-session

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23 May 2022

Bureau of the Assembly

The Assembly's procedures and working methods during sessions and meetings held in physical presence of members: "lessons learned from operating in hybrid format"

Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly¹

1. In response to the exceptional situation brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Parliamentary Assembly introduced additional working methods in 2020, as alternatives to ordinary procedures.
2. By way of a reminder, the Bureau of the Assembly had initially taken a number of measures intended to be applied on a temporary basis, in order to maintain business continuity of its committees, Bureau and Standing Committee, notably through the organisation of online meetings². As the pandemic situation went on, and in the light of its practical experience, the Assembly decided, in November 2020, to amend its Rules of Procedure to incorporate a specific section establishing alternative arrangements for the organisation of Assembly part-sessions and meetings of committees, the Bureau and the Standing Committee in exceptional circumstances³.
3. With the decision of the Bureau of the Assembly of 28 April 2022 to hold Assembly meetings in physical presence of members as of 1 May⁴, the Assembly and its organs returned to the ordinary pattern of functioning followed prior to April 2020⁵.
4. That said, the procedures and practices applied during the last two years have led to a modernisation of the Assembly's functioning and, in many respects, to improvements; some of these procedures had already been called for by the members before the pandemic⁶. It might be desirable,

¹ Document declassified by the Bureau at its meeting of 30 May 2022.

² See the memoranda AS/Bur (2020) 18 rev of 30 April 2020 on "Committees' decision-making framework – adaptation of the working procedures of the committees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic exceptional situation" and AS/Bur (2020) 20 rev of 7 May 2020 on "Arrangements for the conduct of remote committee meetings".

³ See Section XV, Rules 67 to 70 – [Resolution 2349 \(2020\)](#) and the report by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs (Doc. 15178)

⁴ The members of the Ukrainian delegation who might be prevented from travelling in the coming months will continue to be able to connect to meetings online.

⁵ It should be stressed that, in Resolution 2349, the Assembly clearly affirmed "its willingness to restore its normal mode of operation as soon as possible and to hold its ordinary sessions in the physical presence of its members, thus being better able to fully guarantee the deliberative nature of its functions".

⁶ Such as putting online certain procedures and initiatives, which are now centralised on the pace-apps.coe.int platform

therefore, to make introduce on a permanent basis those arrangements which bring an added value to the Assembly's procedures.

5. Regarding the **organisation of part-sessions and the running of plenary sittings**, the following procedures could continue to be applied:

– *the deadline for tabling amendments*: recent practice has shown that a longer deadline results in the committees, rapporteurs and members being better informed and, thereby, in better prepared debates; the deadline stipulated by the ordinary procedure (less than 24 hours before the opening of the sitting at which the report is debated - Rule 34.6) could be harmonised with the one stipulated for hybrid or online meetings, namely at least two working days before the opening of the sitting concerned (Rule 67.4.d) ;

– *discussion of amendments in plenary sitting*: the provision allowing the floor to be given to the rapporteur if a committee has not been able to adopt a position on amendments to its report that have been tabled (Rule 67.4.d) could also be applied when sessions are held under ordinary conditions;

– *speaking time allocated to rapporteurs during sittings*: since the Bureau decision of 18 June 2021, a rapporteur has 7 minutes to present their report and 3 minutes to reply to speakers' statements. In the light of the experience over the past two years, speaking time for the reply could be extended to 5 minutes, bringing the overall speaking time of allocated to the rapporteur to 12 minutes; one exception might be made in the case of the Monitoring Committee, whose co-rapporteurs could be granted 5 minutes each for the presentation of the report and 5 minutes for replies, to be shared between both co-rapporteurs (bringing the speaking time to a total of 15 minutes);

– *deadline for notification of participation of substitutes*: in the light of the experience of hybrid sessions, it is proposed to close online registration 24 hours before the beginning of each sitting, in order to allow notification of late changes while ensuring that lists of speakers and voters can be properly managed; however, a deadline of three days before the opening of a part-session must be maintained for sittings on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday mornings where electronic voting is to be used for elections.

6. Regarding the **functioning of committees and the running of their meetings**, Committees should re-examine, if necessary, the modalities of examination of draft reports, in the light of their experience between March 2020 and May 2022, in particular, as regards the presentation and consideration of amendments to draft texts.

Likewise, some committees have experimented with the possibility of certain decisions being taken by written consultation of the members via e-mail, one example being the appointment of a rapporteur by consensus in the case of only one candidature. This procedure has improved the reaction time of the Assembly in response to emergency situations.

7. Regarding the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights and leading officials of the Council of Europe – as well as its own President -, the Assembly introduced a complementary **electoral procedure**⁷ and held electronic voting in 2021 and 2022. This procedure proved to be more functional than the conventional voting method. Certain technical issues encountered by some members in accessing the voting platform have been identified and resolved. Consequently, it would be appropriate to maintain this procedure for the votes that are to take place during the part-sessions in 2022, and possibly 2023⁸.

⁷ See appendix XI to the complementary texts to the rules of procedure (pages 205ff) and [Resolution 2349 \(2020\)](#)

⁸ The Assembly sittings in 2023 will take place in the hemicycle of the European Parliament; the organisation of electronic voting could therefore be opted for.

8. *Within the framework of its competence for the organisation of the part-sessions and plenary sittings of the Assembly*, the Bureau is invited to decide that, as of the June 2022 part-session:

- the speaking time allocated to rapporteurs during sittings will be 7 minutes to present their report and 5 minutes to reply to speakers' statements (with one exception made for the co-rapporteurs on monitoring);
- registration for notification of participation of substitutes will be closed three days before the opening of a part-session for Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning sittings and 24 hours before the beginning of the other sittings;
- the Assembly will hold elections of judges to the European Court of Human Rights [or leading officials of the Council of Europe] by electronic voting, during the June and October 2022 part-sessions.

The Bureau is invited to instruct the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to examine the changes that might be made to the Rules of Procedure, particularly with regard to the amendment procedure in plenary sitting.