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# Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1446<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>\*</sup> (19 October 2022)

<sup>\*</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 10 October 2022 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 23 January 2023.

## I. Fourth part of the Ordinary Session of 2022 (10-14 October 2022)

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

The address by videolink of the President of Ukraine, Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy, as well as the ensuing exchange of views, was a highlight of the Assembly's fourth part-session of 2022. In his statement, President Zelenskyy stressed that, in this difficult moment, never yet in history was Europe united as strong as it is today. The exchange of views with President Zelenskyy allowed members of the Assembly to express strong solidarity with the people of Ukraine and to discuss ways to further assist the country, including in terms of political and humanitarian support. Other issues raised during the debate were the situation of prisoners of war, ensuring a comprehensive system of accountability for serious violations of international law by the Russian Federation, as well as difficulties in collecting evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The intervention by President Zelenskyy was followed by a debate under urgent procedure on *Further* escalation in Russia's aggression against Ukraine. In the unanimously adopted resolution, the Parliamentary Assembly strongly condemned the attempted annexation of Ukrainian regions by the Russian Federation, describing the so-called "referenda" in these regions as an affront to international law and null and void, with no legal or political effects. Parliamentarians also called for a comprehensive system to hold the Russian Federation and its leadership accountable for its aggression and violations of human rights and humanitarian law, including by speeding up the establishment of a special ad hoc tribunal to prosecute the crime of aggression against Ukraine. As a follow-up to this debate, the Bureau of the Assembly decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report on *Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*.

At committee level, during the session week, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights organised a hearing on Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, with the participation of Mr Jonathan Agar, Special Assistant to the ICC Prosecutor, and Ms Tamar Tomashvili, Associate Professor of Law, Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia. The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons exchanged views with Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), in the framework of the follow-up to the report on Humanitarian consequences and internal and external displacement in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. Finally, the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, held an exchange of views with Ms Iryna Petrovska, Vice-President of PromoUkraina Association, on addressing the needs of the Ukrainian diaspora in Strasbourg/Alsace/Grand Est.

# B. Assembly's reflection about a 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe

During this part-session, the Assembly continued its discussions and reflections on a possible 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe.

On 10 October 2022, the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy discussed and declassified an <u>introductory memorandum</u> on *A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe* (Rapporteur: Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE).

This document feeds into the rich discussions between the Parliamentary Assembly and the Committee of Ministers with regard to a 4<sup>th</sup> Summit, which took place on 11 October on the occasion of the Joint Committee meeting. Members of the Assembly speaking at the Joint Committee unanimously spoke in favour of the Summit, to be held, if possible, in spring 2023, promising every political support to the current and forthcoming Presidencies of the Committee of Ministers in the preparation of the Summit.

The Assembly will continue its reflections at the next meeting of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau *on the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe* to be held on 24 November in Reykjavik, Iceland. The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy is expected to adopt the report currently being prepared by Ms Fiona O'Loughlin at its meeting on 13 December, with a view for its discussion in plenary during the January 2023 part-session.

## C. Personalities

The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

Mr Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor, President of the Swiss Confederation

Mr Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland

Mr Thomas Byrne, Minister of State for European Affairs of Ireland, Irish Presidency of the Committee of

Ministers of the Council of Europe

Mr Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania

Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine

Their speeches can be found on the website of the Assembly: http://assembly.coe.int.

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, held a question-and-answer session with Assembly members on 11 October 2022.

## D. Current affairs debates

During its fourth part of the Ordinary Session of 2022, the Parliamentary Assembly held two current affairs debates on:

- Military hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia, including strikes against settlements and civilian infrastructures the Assembly's Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee) will follow up to this current affairs debate within the framework of monitoring procedures in respect of Azerbaijan and of Armenia.
- Threatened bans of Pride events in Council of Europe member States as a follow-up to this current affairs debate, the Bureau of the Assembly decided to seize the Committee of Equality and Non-discrimination for report on "Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe".

## E. Media Coverage

The media coverage of the fourth part-session was outstanding. With 87 journalists accredited, there were 510 articles (provisional figures) in the international and key national print and electronic media. Their geographic distribution very well reflected the PACE agenda, with strong coverage in Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Serbia and in all relevant international media.

The address by the President of Ukraine, Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy, was live broadcast on several TV networks and reflected in major international media (The Washington Post, El Pais, AFP, DW, Reuters, EFE, Ansa, etc.) The debate that followed on 'Further escalation in the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine' was widely covered, with more than 100 articles (provisional figure) in international media. In addition, the awarding of PACE's Václav Havel Prize to Vladimir Kara-Murza, filled many columns, as did PACE hearing on workers' rights in Qatar on the eve of the World Cup. The debate on 'Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans', was also given much prominence in the region's media.

On social media, impact exceeded previous sessions. Total tweets across the week were around 425,000 impressions, while the PACE YouTube channel had around 12,000 views and page reach on Facebook was around 115,000. The top posts on all platforms concerned the Assembly's resolution on Russia's further aggression in Ukraine and President Zelenskyy's address, with the hearing on workers' rights in Qatar also featuring strongly.

Fifty-seven interviews with parliamentarians and other participants were recorded at MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, which continues to be a useful tool for parliamentarians and a means to raising the institution's profile in the media.

## F. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

## Recommendations

Recommendation 2237 (2022)	Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans (Doc. 15609)
Recommendation 2238 (2022)	Safe third countries for asylum seekers (Doc. 15592)
Recommendation 2239 (2022)	The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights ( <u>Doc. 15620</u> )
Recommendation 2240 (2022)	Preventing vaccine discrimination (Doc. 15608)

## Resolutions

Resolution 2456 (2022)	Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans ( <u>Doc. 15609</u> )
Resolution 2457 (2022)	Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe ( <u>Doc. 15616</u> )
Resolution 2458 (2022)	Misuse of the Schengen Information system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction ( <u>Doc. 15600</u> )
Resolution 2459 (2022)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye (Doc. 15618)
Resolution 2460 (2022)	The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary (Doc. 15619)
Resolution 2461 (2022)	Safe third countries for asylum seekers (Doc. 15592)
Resolution 2462 (2022)	Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management (Doc. 15604)
Resolution 2463 (2022)	Further escalation in the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine ( <u>Doc. 15631</u> )
Resolution 2464 (2022)	The impact of Brexit on human rights on the island of Ireland (Doc. 15615)
Resolution 2465 (2022)	The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport (Doc. 15611)
Resolution 2466 (2022)	The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania (Doc. 15617)
Resolution 2467 (2022)	The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights ( <u>Doc. 15620</u> )
Resolution 2468 (2022)	Preventing vaccine discrimination (Doc. 15608)

These texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <u>http://assembly.coe.int</u>.

## G. Hearings and exchanges of views organised during the part-session

Monday 10 October 2022	
	Hearing on "Sexual and reproductive health and rights"
2.00 to 3.00 pm Room 6, Palais	in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of:
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	<ul> <li>Ms Alice Rawsthorn OBE, design critic, author and co-founder of Design Emergency, London, United Kinigdom</li> <li>Ms Jimena Acosta, curator of contemporary design and art at the Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City (<i>online</i>)</li> </ul>
2.00 to 3.00 pm Room 3, Palais	► Hearing "Time to Deliver"
	in the context of Pink October/Breast cancer awareness, with the participation of:
Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, Committee on	<ul> <li>Mr K. M. Gopakumar, Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher, Third world Network (TWN)</li> </ul>
Social Affairs, Health, and Sustainable Development	<ul> <li>Ms Nathalie Clastres, National Cancer League (<i>la Ligue nationale contre le cancer</i>), France</li> </ul>
2.00 to 2.30 pm Room 2, Palais	► Exchange of views on "Addressing the needs of the Ukrainian diaspora in Strasbourg/Alsace/Grand Est"
Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration, Committee on	with the participation of:
Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	Ms Iryna Petrovska, Vice-president of PromoUkraina Association
2.30 to 3.00 pm	Exchange of views on "Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022- 2027)"
Room 2, Palais	with the participation of:
Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People, Committee on Migration, Refugees and	<ul> <li>Ms Katrin Uerpmann, Programme Officer, Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF), Children's Rights Division (DGII), Council of Europe</li> </ul>
Displaced Persons	<ul> <li>Ms Maren Lambrecht, Programme Officer, Secretary of the Inter-secretariat Task Force for the Rights of the Child, Children's Rights Division (DGII), Council of Europe</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11 October 2022	
	Hearing on "The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan
8.30 to 9.00 am Room 2, Palais	refugees"
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Birgir Thórarinsson (Iceland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:
	Ms Rana Refahi, Afghanistan consultant, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
9.00 to 10.00 am Room 2, Palais	Exchange of views on "Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved"

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<ul> <li>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC), with the participation of:</li> <li>Ms Salomé Brun, Committee's Communication unit (Médecins du monde), representing the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe</li> <li>Mr Samir Hećo, Project Officer, Education Department, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
9.00 to 10.00 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health, and Sustainable Development	<ul> <li>Hearing on "Child abuse in Europe"</li> <li>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of</li> <li>Mr Guido Fluri, Justice Initiative NGO</li> <li>Two child abuse survivors</li> </ul>
9.00 to 10.00 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	<ul> <li>Hearing on "The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges"</li> <li>in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), with the participation of:</li> <li>Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</li> <li>Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)</li> <li>Ambassador Marie Fontanel, Chair of the Committee of the Parties of the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<b>2 pm – 3.30 pm Room 2, Palais</b> Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	<ul> <li>Exchange of views "Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN)' in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Marta Grande (Italy, NR), with the participation of:         <ul> <li>Professor Michele Nicoletti, European Academic Coordinator of the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks and former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.00 to 3.30pm Room 3, Palais Joint meeting of the Sub- Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, Committee on Equality and Non- Discrimination, and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence	<ul> <li>Hearing on "Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities" in the context of the preparation of a report by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), with the participation of:</li> <li>Ms Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (<i>pre-recorded video</i>)</li> <li>Ms Helen Portal, Advocacy and Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe</li> <li>Ms Elisa Rojas, lawyer, Paris (<i>online</i>)</li> <li>Ms Claire Desaint, Vice-President, "Women to speak, women to act" Association (<i>Des femmes pour le dire des femmes pour agir</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>3.00 to 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b> Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human	Exchange of views on "The use of bots in the context of war and the undermining of democratic discourse" with the participation of:

Rights, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	Dr Rolf Fredheim, Principal Scientist, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, Riga, Latvia
Wednesday 12 October 2	2022
<b>2.00 to 3.00 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b> Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	<ul> <li>Hearing on "Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine"</li> <li>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of:         <ul> <li>Mr Jonathan Agar, Special Assistant to the ICC Prosecutor</li> <li>Ms Tamar Tomashvili, Associate Professor of Law, Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3.00 to 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b> Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	<ul> <li>Exchange of views on the "European Convention on Human Rights and national constitutions"</li> <li>in the context of the report prepared by Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), with the participation of:         <ul> <li>Professor Joseph Weiler, University Professor, New York University School of Law, USA (online)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.00 to 3.00 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	<ul> <li>Hearing on the Activities of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights with the participation of:</li> <li>Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights</li> </ul>
2.00 to 3.00 pm Room 3, Palais Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment	<ul> <li>Exchange of views on the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention)</li> <li>with the participation of:         <ul> <li>Mr Gianluca Silvestrini, Head <i>a.i.</i> of the Department for Culture, Nature and Heritage</li> </ul> </li> <li>Exchange of views on the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR OPA)</li> <li>With the participation of:         <ul> <li>Mr Krzysztof Zyman, Executive Secretary of the partial agreement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2 pm – 3.30 pm Room 2, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Sub-committee on Education, Youth and Sport	<ul> <li>Exchange of views on "Emerging issues and priorities in the domains of Education, Youth and Sport"</li> <li>with the participation of:</li> <li>Ms Francine Raveney, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Directorate of Anti-discrimination, DG II: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;</li> </ul>

	Ms Ruxandra Pandea, co-ordinator of the youth campaign Democracy Here	
	Democracy Now of the Council of Europe;	
	<ul> <li>Mr Villano Qiriazi, Head of the Education Department, Directorate of Democratic Participation, DG II: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe.</li> </ul>	
Thursday 13 October 202	2	
8.30 to 10.00 am Room 9, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health, and Sustainable Development	<ul> <li>Hearing on "Sports governance and social rights: the protection of workers' rights in Qatar"</li> <li>with the participation of:         <ul> <li>Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>Mr Alasdair Bell, Deputy Secretary General of FIFA</li> <li>Ms Lise Klaveness, President of the Norwegian Football Federation</li> <li>Mr Mahmoud Qutub, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary General and Executive Director Workers' Welfare &amp; Labour Rights, Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, Qatar</li> <li>Mr Dietmar Schäfers, Deputy President of Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI)</li> <li>Mr Max Tunon, Head of the ILO Office in Doha, Qatar</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8.30 to 9.00 am Room 10, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<ul> <li>Exchange of views on "European solidarity in the migration and asylum context" in the context of the report prepared by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of:</li> <li>Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)</li> </ul>	
9.00 to 10.00 am Room 10, Palais	Exchange of views on "Humanitarian consequences and internal and external displacement in connection with the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine" in the context of the follow-up to Resolution 2448(2022) of the Parliamentary Assembly,	
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<ul> <li>Mr Tomáš Boček, Vice-Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB)</li> </ul>	
9.00 to 10.00 am Room 3, Palais	Exchange of views on "The threatened ban of EuroPride events in Belgrade: an attack on equality, democracy and human rights"	
Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe	<ul><li>with the participation of:</li><li>Mr Filip Lukić, Head of Communication, EuroPride 2022</li></ul>	
2.00 to 3.00 pm Room 10, Palais	Exchange of views on "the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France"	
Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitment by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)	<ul> <li>with the participation of:</li> <li>Mr Bertrand Bouyx, Chairperson of the French delegation to the Assembly</li> </ul>	

## II. Meetings of the Bureau (10 October and 14 October 2022)

On **<u>10 October</u>**, the Bureau of the Assembly:

- **Communications**: took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

## - Fourth part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October):

• Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates on:

*Recent outrageous and inhuman activities of the Russian Federation*, tabled by Mr Zingeris and 29 members of the Assembly and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;

*Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine,* tabled by the leaders of the five political groups on the basis of an on-going report in the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy with the same title (rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD), and decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate;

• Requests for current affairs debates: took note of the requests to hold debates on:

*Europe half a year after the start of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups and took note of its withdrawal;

*Food security in Europe: grain exports through Ukrainian ports,* tabled by the Turkish delegation and took note of its withdrawal;

The military hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan, tabled by the Monitoring Committee and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;

*Military hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia, including strikes against settlements and civilian infrastructures*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) as its first speaker;

The threatened ban of EuroPride events in Belgrade: an attack on equality, democracy and human rights tabled by 20 members of the Assembly, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate with a revised title as follows *Threatened bans of Pride events in Council of Europe member States*, and appointed Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC) as its first speaker;

- Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda (Appendix I);
- **Joint Committee** (Strasbourg, 11 October 2022, from 3.30 pm to 5 pm): prepared the meeting;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: considered and approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix II;
- Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 June 10 October 2022), Rapporteur: Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC): approved the Progress report;
- Election observations:
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina: General elections (2 October 2022): took note of the <u>statement</u> by the observation mission;
  - Bulgaria: Early parliamentary elections (2 October 2022): took note of the <u>statement</u> by the observation mission.

On <u>**14 October**</u>, the Bureau of the Assembly:

- **Communication**: took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;

## - Fourth part-session of 2022 (Strasbourg, 10-14 October):

- approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly, as set out in Appendix III to the present communication;
- held an exchange of views on ways to improve organisational modalities of debates and partsessions, and instructed its Secretary General to elaborate proposals with a view to their implementation as from the 2023 January part-session;
- Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Denmark: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges concerning the list of candidates, including its recommendation to reject the list (Appendix IV to the present communication);
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Reykjavik (25 November 2022)**: took note of the programme and of the draft agenda (Appendix V to the present communication);
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix VI to the present communication;
- **Petition**: took note of the petition received by the President and decided to consult the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its admissibility;

## - Issues raised by committees:

- i. Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee): considered a letter by the Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee, decided to extend the on-going periodic reports on France, the Netherlands and San Marino by six months, and referred the general issue of the duration of the terms of reference of periodic review reports to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- ii. Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: considered a letter by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and decided to seize the Committee to prepare a report allowing for the modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
- iii. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: authorised
  - Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), rapporteur on "Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?" to carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel and the Palestinian Territories, in the framework of the preparation of his report;
  - Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "the situation in Kosovo", to carry out a fact-finding visit to Kosovo<sup>\*</sup>, in the framework of the preparation of her report
- Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and the Standing Committee (14 October 2022
   23 January 2023): appointed Mr George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL) as rapporteur;
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg or Paris:** authorised the Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to hold a meeting in New-York, United States, at the United Nations Headquarters, from 28 to 30 November 2022;
- **17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (Antalya, 26 October 2022)**: approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix VII to the present communication);
- **2022 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November)**: took note of the list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix VIII).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> 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.

## III. Prizes

**The tenth Václav Havel Human Rights Prize** – which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights – was awarded to imprisoned Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza. The prize was presented to Mr Kara-Murza's wife, Evgenia, at a special ceremony on the opening day of the autumn plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Mr Roberto Rampi, PACE representative for the **Council of Europe Museum Prize**, will take part in the Jury meeting for the European Museum of the Year Award which will take place on 18 November 2022, in Portimao, Portugal.

## IV. <u>Future activities of Committees and Networks, and election observation</u> <u>missions</u>

## > On 14 November 2022, in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**:

. will hold a hearing on "*Transnational repression as a growing threat to the rule of law and human rights*" in the context of a report prepared by Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed);

. will hold a hearing on the "*Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law*" in the context of a report prepared by Mr Damien Cotter (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed).

# > On 21-22 November 2022, in Vilnius, Lithuania, the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:

. will hold a hearing on *Guaranteeing media freedom and the safety of journalists: an obligation of member States,* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed);

. will participate in the Council of Europe/EBU Joint Conference on "Public Service Media for Democracy";

. will hold an exchange of views on *Ongoing activities, priorities, and emerging issues in the field of media and information society,* with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed).

## > On 12 December 2022, in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**:

. will hold a hearing on "*Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance*" in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed);

. will hold an exchange of views with the Joint Committee on Human Rights of the UK Parliament (with members appointed from both the House of Commons and the House of Lords).

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

## > Online meeting on a dialogue amongst the public on genomic medicine

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Education, Science, Education and Media,* will carry out an online meeting with *the Steering Committee on Bioethics* on **10 November 2022**.

## VI. <u>Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports</u>

## > The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino

**Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea** (Romania, EPP/CD) and **Mr Andrej Hunko** (Germany, UEL), rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe* (*Monitoring Committee*), will carry out a fact-finding visit to San Marino on **24-26 October 2022.** 

## > The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11<sup>th</sup> report

**Mr Constantinos Efstathiou** (Cyprus, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Romania on **2-3 November 2022**.

### > Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved

**Mr Domagoj Hajduković** (Croatia, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Oslo and Bergen, Norway, on **9-11 November 2022.** 

### > The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11<sup>th</sup> report

**Mr Constantinos Efstathiou** (Cyprus, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights,* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan in **November 2022** (dates to be confirmed).

## Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults

**Mr Simon Moutquin** (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development,* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Norway sometime in the **end of 2022 or beginning of 2023**.

## > Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis

**Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova** (Ukraine, EC/DA), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development,* will carry out a fact-finding visit to London (International Maritime Organisation) sometime in the **end of 2022 or beginning of 2023.** 

## VII. <u>Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly</u>

- October 26 28, 2022, Rabat, Morocco: the Parliamentary Assembly organises, in cooperation with the University of Applied Administrative Sciences of Kehl, a seminar entitled "Training seminar for the Chamber of Representatives of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco on the evaluation of laws by the parliamentary institution. The case of Law 103.13 relating to the fight against violence against women" 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".
- December 5, 2022, Rabat, Morocco: the Parliamentary Assembly, including the parliamentary Network Women free from Violence, organises, in cooperation with the Parliament of Morocco, a technical workshop entitled "the role of parliamentarians in combating violence against women: Towards the signature of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence" 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 ".

## VIII. <u>Co-operation with the Venice Commission</u>

- 132<sup>nd</sup> Plenary session of the Venice Commission (21-22 October 2022) in Venice: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) is scheduled to attend the session.
- 19<sup>th</sup> European conference of the Electoral Management Bodies on "Artificial Intelligence and Electoral Integrity" (14-15 November 2022) in Strasbourg: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Æevarsdottir (Iceland, SOC) was appointed to represent the Assembly.
- 133rd Plenary session of the Venice Commission (16-17 December 2022) in Venice: Mr. Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) is scheduled to attend the session.

## IX. <u>External relations</u>

## - <u>Relations with the European Parliament and other European Union</u> institutions

On 20 October 2022, the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Ms Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, will organise a Conference of Secretaries General of Parliaments, with the participation of and a contribution by the Secretary General of the European Parliament, Mr Klaus Welle. The Conference is expected to bring together some 40 participants to discuss the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine for parliaments and inter-parliamentary cooperation, as well as the role of parliaments in the face of environmental challenges.

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

. **26 October 2022**: ad hoc committee of the Bureau, 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

- . **7-9 November 2022**: ad hoc committee of the Bureau, World Forum for Democracy 2022
- . **14 November 2022**: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- . 21 November 2022: Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society

. **21 November 2022**: ad hoc committee on a Fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe

- . 24 November 2022: Bureau
- . 24 November 2022: Presidential Committee
- . **25 November 2022**: Standing Committee

. **28-30 November 2022**: Sub-Committee on External Relations (of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)

. **1 December 2022**: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

. **2 December 2022**: Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

- . **2 December 2022**: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
- . 2 December 2022: Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment
- . 5-6 December 2022: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

- . 7 December 2022: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
- . 8 December 2022: Presidential Committee
- . 9 December 2022: Bureau
- . **12 December 2022**: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- . **13 December 2022**: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- . **14-15 December 2022**: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitment by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

## Appendix I - Agenda of the fourth part of the 2022 Ordinary Session (10-14 October 2022)

Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



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## Fourth part of the 2022 Ordinary Session (10-14 October 2022)

Agenda<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1.</sup> Adopted by the Assembly on 10 October 2022.

## Monday 10 October 2022

## Sitting No. 26 (11:30-13:00)

## 1. Opening of the part-session

### 1.1. Statement by the President

#### 1.2. Examination of credentials

 List of delegations: o (Doc. 15627)

1.3. Election of a Vice-President of the Assembly in respect of France (AS/Inf (2022) 02 rev2)

#### 1.4. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2022) 07 + Add.)

#### 1.5. Requests for debate:

1.5.1. Current affairs debate: "The military hostilities between Armenia and Azerbaijan"

1.5.2. Urgent procedure debate: "Recent outrageous and inhuman activities of the Russian Federation"

1.5.3. Current affairs debate: "Threatened bans of Pride events in Council of Europe member States"

1.5.4. Urgent procedure debate: "Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine"

1.5.5. Current affairs debate: "Military hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia, including strikes against settlements and civilian infrastructures"

#### 1.6. Adoption of the agenda

## 2. Debate

### 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15626, Doc. 15626 Add. 1)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 10:00)

### Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)

3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>2</sup>

## Sitting No. 27 (15:00-17:00)

### 4. Address (15:00-16:00)

- 4.1. His Excellency Mr Ignazio CASSIS, Federal Councillor, President of the Swiss Confederation
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 3 October, 15:00)

## 5. Current affairs debate

- 5.1. Military hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia, including strikes against settlements and civilian infrastructures
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 13:30)

<sup>2.</sup> See separate programme, AS/Inf(2022)12.

## Tuesday 11 October 2022

## Sitting No. 28 (10:00-13:00)

## Debate

#### 6.1. Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15609)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 10 October, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)
- A Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15609)

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

### 7.1. His Excellency Mr Michael D. HIGGINS, President of Ireland

Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 4 October, 12:00)

## Sitting No. 29 (17:00-20:30)

## Question time (17:00-17:30)

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

Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)

## Debate

## 9.1. Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Momodou Malcolm JALLOW (Sweden, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15616)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15616)

### 10. Debate

- 10.1. Misuse of the Schengen Information system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction
  - Presentation by:
  - Mr Ziya ALTUNYALDIZ (Türkiye, NR), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15600)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 10 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15600)

## Wednesday 12 October 2022

## Sitting No. 30 (10:00-13:00)

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

## 11.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

Presentation by:

o Mr Thomas BYRNE, Minister of State for European Affairs of Ireland, Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 19:30)

## 12. Debate

#### 12.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye

Presentation by:

Mr John HOWELL (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15618, Doc. 15618 Add.)
 Mr Boriss CILEVIČS (Latvia, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15618, Doc. 15618 Add.)

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 11 October, 19:30)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 10:30)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15618)

## Sitting No. 31 (15:30-20:30)

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

#### 13.1. Mr Edi RAMA, Prime Minister of Albania

Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)

## 14. Debate

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

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15619)
  - o Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS (Estonia, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15619)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15619)

## 15. Joint debate

#### 15.1. Safe third countries for asylum seekers

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Stephanie KRISPER (Austria, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15592)

#### 15.2. Pushbacks on land and sea: illegal measures of migration management

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15604)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 11 October, 16:00)
- A Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15592)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15604)

## Thursday 13 October 2022

## Sitting No. 32 (10:00-13:00)

- 16. Address (10:00-11:00) (by videoconference)
  - 16.1. His Excellency Mr Volodymyr ZELENSKYY, President of Ukraine

Questions (deadline for registration: Friday 7 October, 10:00)

## 17. Debate under urgent procedure

#### 17.1. Further escalation in the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

- Presentation by:
- Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15631)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 12 October, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15631)

## Sitting No. 33 (15:30-20:00)

### 18. Current affairs debate

## 18.1. Threatened bans of Pride events in Council of Europe member States

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)

## 19. Debate

#### 19.1. The impact of Brexit on human rights on the island of Ireland

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15615)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15615)

## 20. Debate

- 20.1. The fight for a level playing field ending discrimination against women in the world of sport
  - Presentation by:
    - o Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15611)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15611)

## 21. Debate

## 21.1. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Romania

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15617)
  - Ms Krista BAUMANE (Latvia, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15617)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 12:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 12 October, 16:00)
- A Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15617)

## Sitting No. 34 (10:00-13:00)

## 22. Debate

### 22.1. The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15620)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 13 October, 10:30)
- A Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15620)

## 23. Debate

## 23.1. Preventing vaccine discrimination

- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR (Iceland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15608)
- Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. 15625)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 13 October, 10:30)
- A Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15608)

## 24. Free debate

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 13 October, 19:00)

## 25. Progress report (continued)

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

Addendum:

o (Doc. 15626 Add. 2), Doc. 15626 Add. 3)

## 26. Closure of the part-session

## Appendix II – References and transmissions to committees (Bureau 10 October 2022)

## A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

<u>Doc. 15555</u> Motion for a resolution, *Public regulation of the freedom of expression in digital platforms: consultation* of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

<u>Doc. 15556 / Doc. 15582</u> Motions for resolutions, *Ensuring parliamentary involvement and a rightsbased approach in the WHO negotiations of a Pandemic Treaty and Attempts to change the International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization might violate human rights:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care"* 

<u>Doc. 15557</u> Motion for a resolution, *Child protection in competitive sports*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15558</u> Motion for a resolution, *Addressing the social and economic effects of sanctions*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15559</u> Motion for a resolution, *Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe* : reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15560</u> Motion for a resolution, *The right to movement: addressing the challenges faced by Turkish citizens and other non-EU citizens in visa applications to Schengen Area States*: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for information* 

<u>Doc. 15561</u> Motion for a resolution, *Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15562</u> Motion for a resolution, *Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15563</u> Motion for a resolution, *Persecution against political opponents as a new basis of discrimination* : transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information* 

<u>Doc. 15564</u> Motion for a resolution, *Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace:* reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15565</u> Motion for a resolution, *Promotion of mental well-being and mental health in schools:* reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults"

<u>Doc. 15566</u> Motion for a resolution, *Analysis and guidelines to guarantee the right to housing and to decent housing*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15567</u> Motion for a resolution, *Closer contact and co-operation with Taiwan*: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for information* 

<u>Doc. 15568</u> Motion for a resolution, *The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation:* reference to Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report

<u>Doc. 15569</u> Motion for a resolution, *The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15570</u> Motion for a resolution, *The reintegration of persons trapped in prostitution and human trafficking survivors*: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15571</u> Motion for a resolution, *Transfer and resettlement of asylum seekers*: consultation of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

<u>Doc. 15572</u> Motion for a resolution, *Oppressions through antiterror legislation in Türkiye should stop*: reference to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe to take into account in the preparation of the report on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye

<u>Doc. 15573</u> Motion for a resolution, *Enhancing the right to access to justice for vulnerable groups:* transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information* 

<u>Doc. 15577</u> Motion for a resolution, *Impact of job insecurity on the mental health of the population*: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to take into account in the preparation of the report on "The future of work is here: revisiting labour rights"* 

<u>Doc. 15578</u> Motion for a resolution, *Systematic large-scale persecution against anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to be merged with the reference for the report on Arbitrary arrest of Russian human rights defender and freedom fighter Vladimir Kara-Murza into a single report

<u>Doc. 15580 / Doc. 15595</u> Motions for resolutions, *Healthy and sustainable food* and *Global food* security consequences of the aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for one single report on "Ensuring a healthy, sustainable and secure food supply"

<u>Doc. 15583</u> Motion for a resolution, *Legal aspects of preventing the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and explosive contamination*: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine" and transmission to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for information

<u>Doc. 15593</u> Motion for a resolution, *Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarussians in exile*: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15594</u> Motion for a resolution, *Propaganda and freedom of speech in Europe*: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15599</u> Motion for a resolution, *Urgent need to combat state terrorism*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine" and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine"

<u>Doc. 15607</u> Motion for a resolution, *The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion* 

## B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

<u>Doc. 15513</u> Motion for a resolution, Safeguarding future rights for future generations. Reference 4651 of 20 June 2022 – validity: 20 June 2024 (reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)

On 20 June 2022, the Bureau transmitted this motion to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report.

In a letter of 9 September 2022, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights asks to be seized for opinion on this subject.

*Proposal:* reference to the Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion* 

## Appendix III – Follow-up to the 2022 fourth part-session (Strasbourg, 10-14 October)

## Urgent procedure debate on Recent outrageous and inhuman activities of the Russian Federation

Follow-up: decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report on Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

# Current affairs debate on *Military hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia, including strikes against settlements and civilian infrastructures*

Follow-up: decided to seize the Monitoring Committee on this issue to be taken into account in the preparation of its reports on *The Honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan* and on *The Honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia* 

## Current affairs debate on Threatened bans of Pride events in Council of Europe member States

Follow-up: decided to seize the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report on Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe





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## Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Progress report Bureau of the Assembly

#### 1. Report of the Committee on the election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights held a meeting on Tuesday 11 October 2022 in the morning in Strasbourg, with Mr Titus CORLĂŢEAN (Romania, SOC) in the chair.

The committee discussed the list of candidates to the Court in respect of Denmark.1

The committee held an exchange of views with the Minister of Justice of Denmark, Mr Mattias TESFAYE, in respect of the reasons why no woman was among the three shortlisted candidates.

#### 2. Conclusions of the committee on the list of candidates submitted by Denmark

The committee did not find "exceptional circumstances" justifying an exception from the rule that single-sex lists are only allowed when the candidates belong to the underrepresented sex (currently women). It therefore invited the Assembly to reject the list and to ask the Danish Government to present a new list of candidates including at least one man and one woman.

1. See Appendix 1 for the list of candidates submitted by the Government of Denmark. The full list and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly document: Doc. 15621.



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Appendix V – Programme and draft agenda of the Standing Committee (Reykjavik, 24-25 November 2022)





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## Meetings of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

## Reykjavik, Iceland, 24-25 November 2022 (Harpa conference centre, Austurbakki 2, Reykjavik, Iceland)

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Thursday 24 November 2022

09:00 – 10:30	Meeting of the ad hoc committee on "A fourth Summit for a renewed, improved and reinforced Council of Europe" (Harpa conference centre, room to be confirmed)
10:30 – 12:30	Meeting of the Presidential Committee (Harpa conference centre, room to be confirmed)
15:00 – 18:00	Meeting of the Bureau (Harpa conference centre, Silfurberg Room)
18:15	Departure from Harpa for a visit of the Parliament at 18:30 (to be confirmed)
Friday 25 November 2022	2
09:30 - 12:30	Meeting of the Standing Committee (Harpa conference centre, Silfurberg Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
	Opening speech by Mr Birgir Ármannsson, Speaker of Alþingi – Parliament of Iceland
	11:30-12:30 Event on the occasion of The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
	Digital violence and its impact on democracy
	<ul> <li>Address by:</li> <li>Ms Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister and Minister for Equality</li> <li>Dr María Rún Bjarnadóttir, lawyer at the National Commissioner of Police and member of GREVIO</li> <li>Mr Ævar Pálmi Pálmason, head of sexual offences investigative division</li> </ul>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch hosted by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly (Harpa conference centre)
14:00 – 17:00	Meeting of the Standing Committee (continued) (Harpa conference centre, Silfurberg Room)
	Address by Ms Þórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Committee of Ministers, followed by an exchange of views
17:30	Tour of Icelandic art history (National Gallery of Iceland, Safnahúsið, Hverfisgata 15)
19:30	Dinner at the invitation of <b>Mr Birgir Ármannsson</b> , Speaker of Alþingi – Parliament of Iceland ( <i>Restaurant La Primavera, Harpa conference centre, 4<sup>th</sup> floor</i> )

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## **Standing Committee**

## Draft agenda

of the meeting to be held

# in Reykjavik on Friday 25 November 2022 from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 17:00

(Venue: Harpa conference centre, Austurbakki 2, Reykjavik, Iceland)

- 1. Opening of the meeting by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- 2. Opening speech by Mr Birgir Ármannsson, Speaker of Alþingi Parliament of Iceland

## 3. From 11:30 to 12:30

Event on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Digital violence and its impact on democracy

Address by:

- Ms Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister and Minister for Equality
- Dr María Rún Bjarnadóttir, Lawyer at the National Commissioner of Police and member of GREVIO
- Mr Ævar Pálmi Pálmason, Head of sexual offences investigative division

## 4. At 14:00

Address by Ms Þórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Committee of Ministers, followed by an exchange of views

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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: mercredi 23 November 2022 at 10:00 at the latest

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5.	Examination of new credentials	Doc
6.	Modifications in the composition of committees	Commissions (2022) Commissions (2022) Add.
7.	(Possibly) Request for a current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure)	
8.	Agenda	AS/Per (2022) OJ 03
	Adoption of the draft agenda	
9.	First part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly (23-27 January 2023)	Doc prov1
	Consideration of the draft agenda	
10.	References to committees	AS/Per (2022)
	Consideration of the proposals submitted by the Bureau of the Assembly	
11.	(Possibly) Current affairs debate (under Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure	)
12.	Observation of elections	
	<ul> <li>a. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2 October 2022)</li> </ul>	Dec
	Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)	Doc
	Debate	
	b. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (2 October 2022	) Doc
	Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau: Mr Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE)	
	Debate	
13.	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	
	<ul> <li>Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the Europolitical architecture</li> </ul>	opean
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Laima Liucija Andrikienė (Lithuania, EPP/CD)	Doc
	Debate Vote on	
	b. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of J	ordan
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL)	Doc
	Debate Vote on	

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	c. Protecting the pillars of democracy during health crises	
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC)	Doc
	Debate Vote on	
14.	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights	
	a. The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions for civil society space and activities	
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)	Doc
	Debate Vote on	
	b. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on prison population in Europe	Doc
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC)	
	Debate Vote on	
15.	Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development	
	Securing safe medical supply chains	
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE)	Doc
	Debate Vote on	
16.	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	
	Track and trace applications: ethical cultural and educational challenges	
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Duncan Baker (United Kingdom, EC/DA)	Doc
	Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (for opinion): Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD)	Doc
	Debate Vote on	
17.	Other business	
18.	Next meeting	

The Hague (Netherlands), 3 March 2023

## Appendix VI – References and transmissions to committees (Bureau 14 October 2022)

## A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

<u>Doc. 15556</u> / <u>Doc. 15582</u> Motion for a resolution, *Ensuring parliamentary involvement and a rights*based approach in the WHO negotiations of a Pandemic Treaty and Attempts to change the International Health Regulations of the World Health Organization might violate human rights: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development to take into account in the preparation of the report on "Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care"

<u>Doc. 15563</u> Motion for a resolution, *Persecution against political opponents as a new basis of discrimination:* transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information* 

<u>Doc. 15564</u> Motion for a resolution, *Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace:* reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report* 

<u>Doc. 15635</u> Motion for a resolution, *Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European Political Community:* transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* 

- Bureau decision, *Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure:* transmission to the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs for report
- Bureau decision, *Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine:* transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*
- Bureau decision, *Military hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia, including strikes against settlements and civilian infrastructures:* transmission to the Monitoring Committee to be taken into account in the preparation of its reports on *The Honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan* and on *The Honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia*
- Bureau decision, *Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe:* transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*

## B. REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF REFERENCE

- Bureau decision, The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France (Reference 4568 of 19 March 2021): extension until 19 September 2023
- Bureau decision, The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands (Reference 4569 of 19 March 2021): extension until 19 September 2023
- Bureau decision, The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino (Reference 4570 of 19 March 2021): extension until 19 September 2023

# Appendix VII – List of members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the 17th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (Antalya, 26 October 2022)

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Ms / Mme Linda Hofstad HELLELAND (Norway, EPP/CD / Norvège, PPE/DC) Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE) Ms / Mme Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland, ALDE / Irlande, ADLE)

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

Ms / Mme Sevinj FATALIYEVA (Azerbaijan, EC/DA / Azerbaïdjan, CE/AD)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la nondiscrimination

Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA (Portugal, SOC)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Ms / Mme Nigar ARPADARAI (Azerbaijan, EC/DA / Azerbaïdjan, CE/AD)

# Appendix VIII - List of members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2022)

#### Chairperson / Président

Mr Tiny KOX - President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie

Lord Andrew ADONIS (United Kingdom, SOC / Royaume-Uni, SOC) Ms / Mme Sabrina DE CARLO (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC) Mr / M. Mehmet Mehdi EKER (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI) Mr / M. George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE) Ms / Mme María Valentina MARTINEZ FERRO (Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne PPE/DC) Ms / Mme Isabel MEIRELLES (Portugal, EPP/CD / Portugal, PPE/DC), Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC / Grèce, SOC) Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC), Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA (Italy, EC/DA / Italie CE/AD), Mr / M. Samad SEYIDOV (Azerbaijan, EC/DA / Azerbaïdjan, CE/AD), Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI (Poland, EPP/CD / Pologne, PPE/DC) Mr / M. Vladimir VARDANYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD / Arménie, PPE/DC).

#### Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Mr / M. Ziya ALTUNYALDIZ (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI) Mr / M. Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE) Ms / Mme Maria RIZZOTTI (Italy, EPP/CD / Italie, PPE/DC) Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER (Croatia, EPP/CD / Croatie, PPE/DC)

# Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL (Spain, UEL / Espagne, GUE) Mr / M. Asim MOLLAZADA (Azerbaijan, EC/DA / Azerbaïdjan, CE/AD) Ms / Mme Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Irland, ALDE / Irlande, ADLE) Mr / M. Manuel VESCOVI (Italy, EC/DA / Italie, CE/AD) Ms / Mme Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

# Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la nondiscrimination

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE) Mr / M. Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC / Hongrie, SOC) Mr / M. Momodou Malcom JALLOW (Sweden, UEL / Suède, GUE)

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC) Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, EC/DA / Ukraine, CE/AD) Mr / M. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS (Greece, EPP/CD / Grèce, PPE/DC)

Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles

Ms / Mme Ingjerd SCHOU (Norway, EPP/CD / / Norvège, PPE/DC)

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance / Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique

Mr / M. Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC/DA / Royaume-Uni, CE/AD)