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1. Report debated in 2021

1. Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of great concern

Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC)

Former title: Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of high concern

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14545, Ref. 4387 of 25.06.2018
- Debated on 28.01.2021 during the January 2021 part-session (25-29 January 2021)
- Resulted in [Resolution 2364 \(2021\)](#)

2. Reports tabled in 2021

1. Combating Afrophobia, or anti-Black racism, in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)

Former title: Combating Afrophobia in Europe

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14924, Ref. 4463 of 30.09.2019
- Reference extended to 30.09.2022
- To be debated during the June 2021 part-session (to be confirmed)

2. Enhancing participation of women from under-represented groups in political and public decision-making

Rapporteur: Ms Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania, SOC)

Former title: Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15067, Ref. 4503 of 07.05.2020
- Reference extended to 07.05.2023
- To be debated during the June 2021 part-session (to be confirmed)

3. Opinion tabled in 2021

1. Discrimination against persons dealing with chronic and long-term illness

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15011, Ref. 4487 of 27.01.2020
- Reference extended to 27.07.2022
- To be debated during the April 2021 part-session.

4. Report tabled in 2020

1. Preserving national minorities in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)

Previous rapporteur: Ms Miren Edurne Gorrotxategui (Spain, UEL)

Former title: Preserving Europe's linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14553, Ref. 4390 of 25.06.2018
- To be debated during the April 2021 part-session.

5. Reports under preparation

1. The situation of Crimean Tatars

Former title: Russian racial discrimination of Crimean Tatars in Crimea

Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC)

Previous rapporteur: Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14262, Ref. 4371 of 16.03.2018
- Reference extended to 30.12.2021

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
07.03.2019 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	Mr Benjamin Moreau, Deputy Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, and Ms Yulia Gorbunova, Researcher, Europe and Central Asia Division, Human Rights Watch (the latter by videoconference).
05.06.2019 (Belgrade)	Information memorandum	
25.06.2019 (Strasbourg)	Preliminary draft report	
11.09.2020 (Videoconference)	Written communication	
15.10.2020 (Videoconference)		Ms Liudmyla Denisova, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights; Ms Tatiana Moskalkova, High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation; Mr Refat Chubarov, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People and Mr Nariman Dzheljalov, Head of Information and Analysis Department, Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People.

2. Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing

Rapporteur: Mr František Kopřiva (Czech Republic, ALDE)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14590, Ref. 4399 of 08.10.2018
- Reference extended to 08.10.2021

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
08.04.2019 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
26.06.2019 (Strasbourg)		Ms Marie Pichault, <i>Centre de Médiation des Gens du voyage et des Roms</i> , Belgium; Mr Martin Collins, Co-Director, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Ireland; and Mr Adrian Jones, National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups, United Kingdom.
02.10.2019 (Strasbourg)	Information memorandum	
10.07.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	

3. Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14821, Ref. 4439 of 12.04.2019
- Reference extended to 12.04.2022

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
03.10.2019 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
29.01.2020 (Strasbourg)	Information memorandum	
24.06.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	
11.09.2020 (Videoconference)		Mr Nazir Afzal, former Chief Crown Prosecutor, United Kingdom.
15.10.2020 (Videoconference)	Written communication	

4. Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Heinrich (Germany, EPP/CD)*

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14864, Ref. 4450 of 24.05.2019
- Reference extended to 24.05.2022

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
01.10.2019 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
24.06.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	
11.09.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	
27.11.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	
15.03.2021 (Videoconference)		Prof. Clare McGlynn, Durham University Law School, United Kingdom; Prof. Dr. Klaus M. Beier, Director, Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine, Charité University, Berlin.

5. Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the South Caucasus region*Former title: Alleged violations of LGBTI+ rights in the Caucasus region**Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)*

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14879, Ref. 4453 of 25.06.2019
- Reference extended to 25.06.2022

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
30.01.2020 (Strasbourg)	Introductory memorandum	
10.07.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	
27.11.2020 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	

6. Tackling discrimination based on social origins*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC)*

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14986, Ref. 4881 of 27.01.2020
- Reference extended to 27.01.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
11.09.2020 (Videoconference)	Introductory memorandum	

7. The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport*Rapporteur: Mr Killian Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD)*

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 14987, Ref. 4882 of 27.01.2020
- Reference extended to 27.01.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
15.10.2020 (Videoconference)	Introductory memorandum	
02.02.2021 (Videoconference)	Information memorandum	

8. Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)*

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15030, Ref. 4491 of 31.01.2020
- Reference extended to 31.01.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
15.10.2020 (Videoconference)	Introductory memorandum	
15.03.2021 (Videoconference)	Information document	Ms Rebecca Gomperts, Founder and Director, Women on Waves, Amsterdam; Ms Vanessa Mendoza Cortés, President, Stop Violències, Andorra La Vella; Ms Marta Lempart, Founder, All-Poland Women's Strike, Warsaw.

9. Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation

Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Boriana Åberg (Sweden, EPP/CD)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15045, Ref. 4497 of 06.03.2020
- Reference extended to 06.03.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
27.11.2020 (Videoconference)	Introductory memorandum	
15.03.2021 (Videoconference)		Mr Fabián Salvioli, Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); Mr Kevin Schumacher Deputy Executive Director, Women for Afghan Women Organisation (WAW).

10. Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 15121, Ref. 4524 of 15.09.2020
- Reference extended to 15.09.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
27.11.2020 (Videoconference)		Victor Madrigal-Borloz, United Nations Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity; Teodora Ion-Rotaru, Executive Director, ACCEPT Association, Romania; Tina Kolos Orbán, Project Manager, Transvanilla Association, Hungary; Miltos Pavlou, Project Manager – Social Research, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).
02.02.2021 (Videoconference)	Introductory memorandum	

11. Addressing inequalities in the right to a safe, healthy and clean environment

Former title: Addressing inequalities in access to environmental rights

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

- Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4531 of 15.09.2020
- Reference extended to 15.09.2023

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearing with the participation of
27.11.2020 (Videoconference)	Introductory memorandum	
02.02.2021 (Videoconference)	Preliminary draft report	Ms Jannie Staffansson, Sami reindeer herder and representative, Sweden; Ms Pegah Moulana, Chairperson of Programming Committee on Youth; British Youth Council representative to the Advisory Council on Youth, Youth Department of the Council of Europe;

12. Combating antisemitism in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15168, Ref. 4544 of 20.11.2020
- Reference extended to 20.05.2023

13. Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15169, Ref. 4545 of 20.11.2020
- Reference extended to 20.05.2023

14. Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies

Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15170, Ref. 4546 of 20.11.2020
- Reference extended to 20.05.2023

15. Finding solutions for marital captivity

Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC)

- Origin: motion for a resolution, Doc. 15193, Ref. 4554 of 25.01.2020
- Reference extended to 25.07.2023

6. Opinions under preparation

1. Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Ms Nicole Trisse (France, ALDE)

- Origin: Ref. 4493 of 31.01.2020
- Reference extended to 31.01.2023

2. Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Liliane Tanguy (France, ALDE)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE)

- Origin: decision of the Bureau, Ref. 4517 of 26.06.2020
- Reference extended to 26.06.2023

3. Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?

Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Pere López (Andorra, SOC)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Boris Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC)

- Origin: Motion for a resolution, Doc. 14802, Ref 4428 of 01.03.2019
- Reference extended to 01.03.2022

4. Gender mainstreaming of migration policies

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Sena Nur Çelik (Turkey, NR)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)

- Origin: Motion for a resolution, Doc. 15069, Ref. 4504 of 07.05.2020
- Reference extended to 07.05.2023

7. Bureau of the Committee

Chairperson:	Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)
1 st Vice-Chairperson:	Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE)
2 nd Vice-Chairperson:	Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD)
3 rd Vice-Chairperson:	Ms Feleknas Uca (Turkey, UEL)

8. General Rapporteurs

General Rapporteur on violence against women: Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC)

General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC)

General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)

9. Sub-Committees

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

Chairperson: Mr František Kopřiva (Czech Republic, ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

Chairperson: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

Vice-Chairperson: ZZ...

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality

Chairperson: Ms Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania, SOC)

Vice-Chairperson: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)

10. Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

Website: <https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/network-violence-women>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parliamentary-Network-Women-Free-from-Violence/521837241177461>

On the basis of [Resolution 1635 \(2008\)](#) and [Recommendation 1847 \(2008\)](#) on “Combating violence against women”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination runs the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence.

This Network is a *sui generis* structure, composed of contact parliamentarians from national, observer and partner for democracy delegations to the Assembly. In 2011, following the opening for signature of the [Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence \(Istanbul Convention, CETS No. 210\)](#), the Network decided that its main objective would be encouraging further signatures and ratifications of this instrument, so that it could enter into force as soon as possible. Since the entry into force of the Convention in August 2014, the Network has continued to promote its ratification and to develop activities linked to its implementation.

The Network is chaired by the General Rapporteur on violence against women, who acts as its political coordinator.

Meetings in 2021

Date and place	
15.03.2021 (Videoconference)	<i>Violence against women in the public and private spheres: measure it to end it. The importance of data collection and research in combating violence against women</i> - side-event during the 65th Committee of the Status of Women (CSW) organised jointly by the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and the Network in cooperation with Switzerland.

11. No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

Website: <https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/no-hate>

In follow-up to Assembly [Resolution 1967 \(2014\)](#) on “A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination proposed setting up the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

The Alliance was officially launched on 29 January 2015 in Strasbourg. It is composed of parliamentarians, members of the Parliamentary Assembly, who commit to taking open, firm and pro-active stands against racism, hatred and intolerance on whatever grounds and however they manifest themselves. Their commitment is formalised by signing the Charter of Commitments for membership in the Alliance.

The main activities of the Alliance are conducted at national level. Its members commit to:

- raising awareness against racism and intolerance amongst politicians and civil society;
- promoting the respect of equality, non-discrimination and respect for diversity, as grounded in the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols;
- exchanging information on law and best practices in preventing and combating racism, hatred and intolerance with parliamentarians from other countries;
- supporting and participating in the work of the national committees of the Council of Europe "No Hate Speech Movement."

The Alliance is coordinated by the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, who is supported by the Bureau of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

Meetings in 2021

Date and place	
02.02.2021 (Videoconference)	Joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on the <i>Current activities of the Council of Europe to counter hate speech and intolerance</i> with the participation of: Ms Somi Nikol, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Germany to the Council of Europe; Mr Menno Ettema, No Hate Speech and Cooperation Unit, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe; Mr Mats Lindberg, Secretariat of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe.

12. Meetings in 2021

	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	Sub-Committee on Gender Equality	Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities	Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Inter-sectional Discrimination	Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence	No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
Strasbourg	1 st part-session of 2021 (26-27.01.2021) (in hybrid format) 2 nd part-session of 2021 (19-22.04.2021) (in hybrid format) 3 rd part-session of 2021 (21-25.06.2021) 4 th part-session of 2021 (27.09-01.10.2021)	26.01.2021	26.01.2021	26.01.2021		
Videoconference	02.02.2021 15.03.2021	15.03.2021			15.03.2021	02.02.2021
Paris (tbc)	18.05.2021 15.09.2021 30.11.2021					
Stockholm (tbc)						05.05.2021

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14. Website and social media

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/committee-29/AS-EGA>

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/network-violence-women>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parliamentary-Network-Women-Free-from-Violence/521837241177461>

<https://pace.coe.int/en/pages/no-hate>

https://twitter.com/PACE_Equality