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To the members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 9 September 2020

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting by videoconference on 9 September 2020, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Legal aspects of "autonomous" vehicles** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ziya Altunyaliz, Turkey, NR*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The brain-computer interface: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Olivier Becht, France, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The principles and guarantees of advocates** (*Rapporteur: Mr Aleksandr Bashkin, Russian Federation, NR*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The human rights situation in Belarus**: heard a statement by Ms Olga Karatch, activist and leader of the civil rights network "Nash Dom", Belarus, held an exchange of views and adopted a [statement](#) on behalf of the Committee;
- **The alleged poisoning of Mr Alexei Navalny**: heard a statement by Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, Chairman of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom and held an exchange of views;
- **Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study** (*Rapporteur: Ms Hannah Bardell, United Kingdom, NR; Rapporteur for opinion from the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): unanimously approved 16 amendments tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (with one amendment as sub-amended);
- **Urgent need to strengthen Financial Intelligence Units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets** (*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:

Ms Elżbieta Franków-Jaśkiewicz, Chair of Moneyval, Head of the International Cooperation Unit of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Poland – General Inspector of Financial Information (GIFI)
Mr Arakel Meliksetyan, member of Moneyval, Head of Financial Monitoring Centre (FMC), Armenia
Ms Ilze Znotina member of Moneyval, Head of Office for Prevention of Laundering of Proceeds Derived from Criminal Activity, Latvia;

- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee:** took note of the Reply by the Committee of Ministers to [Recommendation 2166 \(2019\)](#) on “Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?”, adopted at the 1375th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies (6 May 2020);
- **Hearings during the next meeting:** agreed to open the hearings held during the next meeting to the public, provided the rapporteur and invited speakers do not object;
- **Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan:** took note of a statement by the Rapporteur (*Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*) on recent developments in the execution of relevant judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and of her intention to write to the Chairperson of the delegation of Azerbaijan requesting information on implementation of Assembly Resolution 2322 (2020);
- **Other business:**
 - **Sub-committee changes:** took note of the following sub-committee changes:
 On the Sub-Committee on Human Rights:

 Mr Pierre- Alain Fridez (Switzerland SOC) to be replaced by Mr Christian Levrat (Switzerland, SOC) (as titular member); Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gustafsson (Sweden, SOC) (previously on waiting list) to become a titular member following the departure of Lord Anderson from the Assembly;

 On the Sub-Committee on the Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights:

 Mr Charles Juillard (Switzerland, EPP/CD) to be replaced by with Mr Hannes Germann (Switzerland, ALDE) as titular member.
 - **“AI and the Human”?** 25 September 2020 by video conference: noted the remote hearing organised by *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* and that members interested in participating should contact the secretariat;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the following meeting dates and that any subsequent changes to this planning, owing to the current sanitary situation, would be transmitted to members as soon as possible:

Plenary Committee:
 - Strasbourg, during the Assembly’s 4th part-session of 2020 (12-15 October 2020)
 - 9-10 November 2020, Komotini, Thrace, Greece (subject to the availability of funds)
 - Paris, 8 December 2020 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)

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