



SECRETARIAT

AS/Jur (2021) CB 03

25 March 2021

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

### Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 22 March 2021

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting by videoconference on 22 March 2021, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the composition of the following sub-committees for 2021 (see appendix for final list<sup>1</sup>):
  - i. Sub-Committee on Human Rights
  - ii. Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
  - iii. Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;
- **Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): heard a statement from the Rapporteur; at the Rapporteur's proposal, agreed to support the request for a debate on this topic under the urgent procedure during the April 2021 part-session, tabled by the leaders of the political groups; authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation before the April part-session, subject to the availability of funds; and took note of information provided by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning the procedural options for work on this issue;
- **Appointment of representatives of the Committee:**

Appointed the following members and substitutes to represent the Committee at meetings of the following bodies in 2021 in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation (proposals to be submitted to the Bureau):

  - i. European Commission for Democracy through Law ("Venice Commission")  
Titular: Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE)  
Substitute: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC)
  - ii. Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)  
Titular: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez (Spain, SOC)  
Substitute: Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC)
  - iii. Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)  
Titular: Ms Marta González (Spain, EPP/CD)

<sup>1</sup> The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights and of the Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights are foreseen to be elected during the April part-session 2021.

Substitute: Ms Gökay Akhbulut (Germany, UEL)

iv. Moneyval

Titular: Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC)

Substitute: Sir Edward Leigh (United Kingdom, EC/DA)

– ***Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law*** (*Rapporteur: Lord Balfe, United Kingdom, NR*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed to his proposal to present a preliminary draft report without the previously authorised hearing with experts before the Committee;

– ***Political prisoners in the Russian Federation*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*): took note of the letter sent by the head of the Russian delegation to the Rapporteur and was informed of a response to that letter sent by the head of the Spanish delegation; held a hearing with the participation of:

Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky, leader of the opposition group Open Russia, and former ‘prisoner of conscience’ according to Amnesty International,

Professor Bill Bowring, Professor of Law at Birkbeck College, University of London, and Barrister;

– ***The Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Council of Europe member States*** (*General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of:

Ms Mary Lawlor, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Mr Nils Muiznieks, Director for Europe, Amnesty International, former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights,

and agreed to declassify the Rapporteur’s information note;

– ***Reported cases of Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan***: heard a statement by the Rapporteur for follow up to [Resolution 2322 \(2020\)](#), Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), and agreed to hold a hearing with experts at a forthcoming meeting and that the Rapporteur would present a report on follow-up to Resolution 2322 (2020) by the Azerbaijani authorities by June 2021;

– **Next meetings**: took note of the forthcoming meetings and noted that the secretariat would confirm the dates, times and format of the meeting during the April part-session as soon as possible.

*Plenary Committee:*

- during the Assembly’s 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2021 (19-23 April 2021)
- 10 May 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly’s 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2021 (21-25 June 2021)
- 14 September 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly’s 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021)
- 5 November 2021, t.b.c.
- 7 December 2021, t.b.c.

\*\*\*\*\*

**The Sub-Committee on Human Rights** (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting by videoconference on Monday 22 March 2021 from 2 – 2.10pm, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), oldest member present, then Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) Chairperson and Mr Oleksandr Merezhko (Ukraine, SOC) Vice-Chairperson, both by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** during the April 2021 part-session.

Günter Schirmer, David Milner, Agnieszka Szklanna, Marina Makarova

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

**Appendix / Annexe**  
**Composition of Sub-Committees**  
**Composition des sous-commissions**

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

**Sub-Committee on Human Rights (29 seats)**  
**Sous-commission des Droits de l'Homme (29 sièges)**

**List of members - Liste des membres**

	<u>Titular member / Membre titulaire</u>		<u>Alternate member/ Membre remplaçant</u>
1.	Mr VARDANYAN Vladimir (Chairperson)	Armenia/Arménie	Mr MARUKYAN Edmon
2.	Mr MEREZHKO Oleksandr (Vice-Chairperson)	Ukraine	Mr. KALCHENKO Serhii
3.	Mr ALTUNYALDIZ Ziya	Turkey/ Turquie	
4.	Ms ANDRIKIENĖ Laima Liucija	Lithuania/Lituanie	
5.	Mr BACELAR DE VASCONCELOS Pedro	Portugal	
6.	Lord BALFE Richard	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	
7.	Ms BARDELL Hannah	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	Mr SHEPPARD Tommy
8.	Ms BAYR Petra	Austria/Autriche	
9.	Mr EFSTATHIOU Constantinos	Cyprus/Chypre	
10.	Mrs FILIPOVSKI Dubravka	Serbia/ Serbie	
11.	Ms GASIUK-PIHOWICZ Kamila	Poland/Pologne	
12.	M. GATTOLIN André	France	M. PETIT Frédéric
13.	Mr GONCHARENKO Oleksii	Ukraine	
14.	Ms GONZALEZ Marta	Spain/Espagne	
15.	Mr HIGGINS Emer	Ireland / Irlande	
16.	Ms JENSEN Gyde	Germany/Allemagne	Mr KLEINWÄCHTER Norbert
17.	Mr JENSEN Mogens	Denmark/Danemark	
18.	Ms LEPOMÄKI, Elina	Finland/ Finlande	
19.	Mr LEVRAT Christian	Switzerland/Suisse	Mr GERMANN Hannes
20.	Ms LIBINA-EGNERE Inese	Latvia/Lettonie	
21.	Mr MIKANADZE Givi	Georgia/Géorgie	
22.	Ms LOUIS Alexandra	France	Mr VALLINI André
23.	Ms RIZZOTTI Maria	Italy/ Italie	Mr SCOMA Francesco
24.	Mr ŚMISZEK Krzysztof	Poland/Pologne	
25.	Ms SPĂTARU Elena-Simona	Romania/Roumanie	Mr CORLĂȚEAN Titus
26.	Mr STYLIANIDIS Evripidis	Greece/Grèce	Mr KATROUGKALOS Georgios
27.	Ms VAN VAERENBERGH Kristien	Belgium/Belgique	Ms MARGHEM Marie-Christine
28.	Mr ZINGERIS Emanuelis	Lithuania/Lituanie	
29.			

*ex officio*: Chairperson of AS/Jur : Mr CILEVIČS Boriss

**Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights  
(29 seats)**

*Sous-commission sur l'intelligence artificielle et les droits de l'homme (29 sièges)*

**List of members  
Liste des membres**

**names in grey are eligible to be Chair / Vice-Chair  
Les noms en gris sont éligibles pour être Président(e) ou Vice-Président(e).**

Titular member / Membre titulaire

Alternate member / Membre remplaçant

1.	Mr ALTUNYALDIZ Ziya (Chair 2020 (eligible for second mandate))	Turkey/ Turquie	
2.	VC		
3.	Ms ÆVARSDÓTTIR Thorhildur Sunna	Iceland/ Islande	
4.	Lord BALFE Richard	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	Mr BHATTI Saqib
5.	Mr BEYER Peter	Germany/Allemagne	Mr BERNHARD Marc
6.	Mr BOUCHEZ Georges-Louis	Belgium/Belgique	Ms GAHOUCHI Latifa
7.	Mr BUCCARELLA Maurizio	Italy/ Italie	Ms RIZZOTTI Maria
8.	Mr CALVET Jacques	France	Mr BECHT Olivier
9.	Mr COTTIER Damien	Switzerland/Suisse	Ms MARET Marianne
10.	M. GOUTTEFARDE Fabien	France	Mr GATTOLIN André
11.	Mr GUTIÉRREZ PRIETRO Sergio	Spain/Espagne	Ms. JIMÉNEZ BECERRIL Teresa
12.	Mr HIGGINS Emer	Ireland / Irlande	
13.	Ms HORGA Maria Gabriela	Romania/Roumanie	Mr NICULESCU ȚĂGĂRLAȘ Cristian Augustin
14.	Mr KAIRIDIS Dimitrios	Greece/ Grèce	Ms KANELLI Liana
15.	Mr KLEINWÄCHTER Norbert	Germany/ Allemagne	Ms JENSEN Gyde
16.	Mr KOBAKHIDZE Irakli	Georgia/Géorgie	
17.	Mr KOÇ Haluk	Turkey/ Turquie	Mr AYDIN Kamil
18.	Ms LEPOMÄKI Elina	Finland/ Finlande	
19.	Mr PALALIC Gojko	Serbia/Serbie	
20.	Mr PROTASIEWICZ Jacek	Poland/Pologne	
21.	Mr WISELER Claude	Luxembourg	
22.	Mr ZINGERIS Emanuelis	Lithuania/Lituanie	
23.	Z		
24.	Z		
25.	Z		
26.	Z		
27.	Z		
28.	Z		
29.	Z		

*ex officio*: Chairperson of AS/Jur : Mr CILEVIČS Boriss

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

**Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights  
(29 seats)**

**Sous-commission sur la mise en œuvre des arrêts de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme  
(29 sièges)**

**List of members / Liste des membres**

**names in grey are eligible to be Chair / Vice-Chair  
Les noms en gris sont éligibles pour être Président(e) ou Vice-Président(e).**

Titular member / Membre titulaire

Alternate member / Membre remplaçant

1.	Sir CHOPE Christopher (Chair 2020) Eligible for 2nd mandate)	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	Sir LEIGH Edward
2.	VC		
3.	Ms ÆVARSDÓTTIR Thorhildur Sunna	Iceland/ Islande	
4.	Ms BAYR Petra	Austria/Autriche	
5.	Mr BUCCARELLA Maurizio	Italy/Italie	Mr SCOMA Francesco
6.	Ms ÇELİK Sena Nur	Turkey/Turquie	
7.	Mr CORLATEAN Titus	Romania / Roumanie	Mr NAGY Szabolcs
8.	Mr EFSTATHIOU Constantinos	Cyprus/Chypre	
9.	Ms GASIUK-PIHOWICZ Kamila	Poland/Pologne	
10.	Mr GERMANN, Hannes	Switzerland/Suisse	Mr COTTIER Damien
11.	Ms GONZALEZ Marta	Spain/Espagne	
12.	Mr GUTIÉRREZ PIETRO Sergio	Spain/Espagne	
13.	Mr HONKONEN Petri	Finland/ Finlande	
14.	Ms LIBINA-EGNERE Inese	Latvia/Lettonie	
15.	Ms LOVOCHKINA Yuliya	Ukraine	
16.	Ms. LÓPEZ Eva	Andorra/Andorre	
17.	Mr LLOYD Tony	United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
18.	Ms MARGHEM Marie-Christine	Belgium/Belgique	Ms GAHOUCI Latifa
19.	Mr MESSERSCHMIDT Morten	Denmark/Danemark	
20.	Mr MIKANADZE Givi	Georgie/ Géorgie	
21.	Ms PANTIC PILJA, Biljana	Serbia	
22.	Mr PETIT Frédéric	France	Mr GOUTTEFARDE Fabien
23.	Mr PRINGLE Thomas	Ireland/Irlande	
24.	Mr STIER Davor Ivo	Croatia/Croatie	
25.	Mr STYLIANIDIS Evarpidis	Greece/Grèce	Mr KATROUGKALOS Georgios
26.	Mr ULLRICH Volker	Germany/ Allemagne	Ms AKBULUT Gökyay
27.	M. VALLINI André	France	M. CALVET Jacques
28.	Mr VARDANYAN Vladimir	Armenia/ Arménie	Mr MARUKYAN Edmon
29.	Mr VLASKENKO Serhii	Ukraine	

*ex officio*: Chairperson of AS/Jur : Mr CILEVIČS Boriss