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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 17 May 2021

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting by videoconference on 17 May 2021, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): noted that the adoption of this report had been postponed to the next meeting, scheduled for the morning of 3 June 2021 (by videoconference);
- **Covid passports or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications** (*Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE*): considered a draft report, agreed to change the title of the report to “Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications”, and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Addressing issues of criminal and civil liability in the context of climate change** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ziya Altunyaliz, Turkey, NR*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, the latter unanimously;
- **The climate crisis and the rule of law** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Norbert Kleinwaechter, Germany, EC/DA*), (*Rapporteur for the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered and approved the Committee’s opinion;
- **Follow up to “The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021”** (*Rapporteur for follow-up to [Resolution 2375 \(2021\)](#) and [Recommendation 2202 \(2021\)](#): Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on developments since the adoption of Resolution 2375 (2021) and Recommendation 2202 (2021);
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**

For opinion:

Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic (*Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Jacques Maire (France, ALDE)*): appointed Mr Serhii Kalchenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- **Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur for follow-up to [Recommendation 2170 \(2020\)](#): Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, (Iceland, SOC)*): held a hearing, open to the public, with the participation of:

Dr Leyla Yunus, Director of the Institute for Peace and Democracy, Azerbaijan/Netherlands
Mr Rasul Jafarov, Chairman of the Baku Human Rights Club;

- **Fighting corruption – General principles of political responsibility** (*Rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): held a hearing, open to the public, with the participation of:

Mr Michael Hudson, Senior Editor, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
Mr Drago Kos, Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery, former Chair of GRECO
Mr Paul Radu, co-founder - Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

and agreed to the declassification of the Rapporteur's introductory memorandum;

- **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc:**

61st Plenary meeting of MONEYVAL, 26-30 April 2021 (hybrid meeting): took note of the written report submitted by the committee's representative, Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC);

- **Hearings:** noted that the next hearings would be held after the June 2021 part-session;

- **Other business:**

- **Sub-committee on artificial intelligence:** agreed to the proposal of the Italian delegation that Ms Marina Berlinghieri (SOC) become a titular member of this Sub-committee;

- **Next meetings:**

Plenary Committee:

- 3 June 2021, 10am-12.30pm, by video conference
- during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2021 (21-25 June 2021)
- 14 September 2021, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2021 (27 September - 1 October 2021)
- 5 November 2021, t.b.c.
- 7 December 2021, t.b.c.

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
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