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

Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid manner in Paris on 5 November 2021

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in a hybrid manner in Paris on 5 November 2021, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Fighting corruption – General principles of political responsibility** (*Rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Ending enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr André Gattolin, France, NR*): considered a draft report and adopted of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation; took note of the intention of Mr Aleksandr Bashkin (Russian Federation, NR) to submit a dissenting opinion to this report;
- **Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:

Ms Tonje Meinich, Chairperson of the CDDH ad hoc negotiation group ("47+1") on the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, Norway;
Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament;
Mr Giuliano Pisapia, Vice-Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, European Parliament;

- **Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fabien Gouttefarde, France, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of:

Mr. Raja Chatila, Professor Emeritus, former Director of the Institute of Intelligent Systems and Robotics, Sorbonne University, Paris, France;
Mr Noel Sharkey, President of the NGO "The international committee for Robot arms control", computer scientist specialising in robotics, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom;
Mr Jean-Gabriel Ganascia, President of the Ethics Committee of the "Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique" (Comets), Paris, France;
Dr Jean-Baptiste Jeangene Vilmer, Director of the Institute for Strategic Research at the Military School (IRSEM), Paris, France;

- **Appointment of rapporteurs**

For report:

Towards a transparency register within the Parliamentary Assembly: postponed until the next meeting;

Cases of torture and inhumane treatments in Azerbaijani prisons: took note of a letter from Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) and decided to postpone the appointment until the next meeting;

European Convention on Human Rights and national constitutions: appointed Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL) and heard from him a declaration of no conflict of interest;

Preventing vaccine discrimination: took note of the candidacies of Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD) and Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), decided to postpone the appointment to the next meeting and requested any other candidates to inform the secretariat of their interest in advance of the next meeting;

– **The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): owing to lack of time, decided to postpone the consideration of the introductory memorandum to the next meeting;

– **Follow up to Assembly [Resolution 2372 \(2021\)](#) on “Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation”** (*Rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur for follow-up on reprisals against civil society in Belarus;

– **Hearings during the next meeting:** agreed to hold the following two hearings with invited experts at the next meeting, subject to the availability of funds, and to open them to the public:

- *The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report*, Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC), in co-operation with the Sub-committee on Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

- *Abolition of the death penalty*, General Rapporteur: Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD);

– **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc**

128th meeting of the Venice Commission (15-16 October 2021): the report by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC) on his participation was postponed to the next meeting;

– **Other business** – none;

– **Next meetings**

Plenary Committee:

- 7 December 2021: Paris (hybrid manner)

Günter Schirmer, David Milner, Agnieszka Szklanna, Lilian Apostol, Zhanna Petrukovich

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