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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 7 December 2021

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in a hybrid manner in Paris on 7 December 2021, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Minutes of the meeting held in a hybrid manner in Paris on 5 November 2021:** agreed to declassify the part of the minutes concerning the hearing with experts on “Legal aspects of EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights” (*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlățean, Romania, SOC*);
 - **Poisoning of Alexei Navalny** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, a dissenting opinion was announced by Mr Aleksandr Bashkin (Russian Federation, NR);
 - **Misuse of the Schengen system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction** (*Rapporteur: Ms Irina Rukavishnikova, Russian Federation, NR*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and took note of the prolongation of her mandate till 21 July 2022, following the Bureau’s decision of 25 November 2021;
 - **Systemic torture allegations concerning places of detention in Council of Europe member States:** considered and adopted, with the necessary quorum, a motion for a resolution on this issue, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs**
- For report:**
- Towards a transparency register within the Parliamentary Assembly:** appointed Ms Azadeh Rojhan-Gustafsson (Sweden, SOC) and heard from her a declaration of no conflict of interest;
 - Cases of torture and inhumane treatments in Azerbaijani prisons:** decided to postpone the appointment until the next meeting;
 - Preventing vaccine discrimination:** appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) and heard from her a declaration of no conflict of interest;
 - General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty:** re-appointed Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) for a second term of office (till 13 December 2022);
- **The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): considered the rapporteur’s introductory memorandum, held a hearing, in co-operation with the Sub-committee on Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, with the participation of:
 - Ms Dimitrina Lilovska, head of division ad interim, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, and

- Dr Isabella Risini, senior research associate at Ruhr-University Bochum, visiting professor at Augsburg University (Germany), and authorised the rapporteur to organise a second hearing with experts at one of the forthcoming meetings, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Abolition of the Death Penalty** (*General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty: Mr Vladimir Vardanyan, Armenia, EPP/CD*): considered a revised information note, agreed to declassify it and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Chiara Sangiorgio, Policy Adviser/Death Penalty, Amnesty International, London, and
 - Mr Gilberto Jeronimo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg;
- **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc.:**
128th meeting of the Venice Commission (15-16 October 2021): heard the report by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC) on his participation;
- **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee:**
took note of the following replies:
 - [Doc. 15398](#), regarding the Assembly's Recommendation 2180 (2020) on "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on human rights and the rule of law";
 - [Doc. 15395](#), regarding the Assembly's Recommendation 2182 (2020) on "Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems", and
 - [Doc. 15324](#), regarding the Assembly's Recommendation 2193 (2021) on "The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights".
- **Other business:**
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 and agreed to her request to authorise the organisation of a hearing with experts at one of the forthcoming meetings, subject to the availability of funds, jointly with Mr Emmanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), rapporteur for opinion on the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on "Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus" (*Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC*), and to open it to the public.
- **Hearings during the next meeting:** agreed to hold the following hearing with invited experts at the next meeting, subject to the availability of funds, and to open it to the public:
 - "How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?", Rapporteur: Mr André Vallini (France, SOC).
- **Next meetings**
Plenary Committee:
 - during the Assembly's 1st part-session of 2022 (24-28 January 2022)
 - 15 March 2022, t.b.c.
 - during the Assembly's 2nd part-session of 2022 (25-29 April 2022)
 - 23 May 2022, t.b.c.
 - during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2022 (20-24 June 2022)
 - 14 September 2022, t.b.c.
 - during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2022 (10-14 October 2022)
 - 14 November 2022, t.b.c.
 - 12 December 2022, t.b.c.

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