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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 25, 26 and 27 January 2022

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 25, 26 and 27 January 2022:

- on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 2pm, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected, by acclamation, Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) as Chairperson, Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD) as 1st Vice-Chairperson, Ms Margreet de Boer (Netherlands, SOC) as 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as 3rd Vice-Chairperson;

Then with Mr Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair:

- **Constitution of Sub-Committees:** agreed to constitute the Committee's three sub-committees, namely:
 - 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;
- **Composition of sub-committees:** approved the composition as in the attached appendix. Noted that members still interested in joining the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights should contact the secretariat;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders: appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir as of 30 January 2022 (expiry date of the previous General Rapporteur's mandate) and heard a statement of no conflict of interest by Ms Ævarsdóttir;
- **Poisoning of Alexei Navalny** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jacques Maire, France, ALDE*): took position on 3 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?** (*Rapporteur: Mr André Vallini, France, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:

Ms Barbara Vettori, researcher at the Catholic University of Milan and co-author of "Disposal of confiscated assets in the EU Member States: laws and practices"

Mr Fabrice Rizzoli, Co-founder of the association [Crim'HALT comme Alternative](#)
Ms Greta Fenner, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance

- **on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 2.20pm**, as regards:
 - **Appointment of representatives of the Committee:** decided to propose to the Bureau the following nominations for representatives of the Committee to the following bodies for 2022:
 - i. European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE) – titular
Mr. Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) - substitute
 - ii. Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)
Mr. Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD) - titular
Mr. Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC) - substitute
 - iii. Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
Mr Titus Corlatean (Romania, SOC) – titular
Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) -substitute
 - iv. Moneyval
Ms Sunna Aevarsdottir (Iceland, SOC) – titular
ZZ¹ - substitute
 - **Ending enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr André Gattolin, France, NR*): took position on 5 amendments to the draft resolution and 1 amendment to the draft recommendation;
 - **The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC*): agreed to request the Bureau for a prolongation of the reference until 30 June 2022 to accommodate a fact-finding visit to Moscow, Ingushetia and Dagestan which had been postponed owing to the Covid-19 pandemic;
- **on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 8.30am**, as regards:
 - **Sub-Committee on Human Rights:** took note of an oral report by Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on Wednesday 26 January 2022 and endorsed the proposals of the Sub-Committee therein concerning the lists of candidates to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) submitted by the delegations of the Republic of Moldova, Sweden and Spain for transmission to the Bureau;
 - **The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions for civil society space and activities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Human Rights defenders** (*General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders: Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE)*): considered an information memorandum and agreed to declassify it and to submit it to the Bureau for information and possible follow-up;
 - **Appointment of a member to the network of contact parliamentarians for a healthy environment:** appointed Mr Ziya Altunyaliz (Turkey, NR);
 - **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022:** made a call for nominations and noted further information is to be found at [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website](#);

¹ Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD) was elected as substitute but withdrew her candidature after the meeting. The nomination for substitute will be made at the next meeting of the committee.

– **Hearings during the next meeting:**

- agreed to the request of the Rapporteur for “**Political prisoners in the Russian Federation**”, Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC, to hold a hearing, during the next meeting with invited experts, subject to the availability of funds;
- noted that a hearing on the “**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*) will be organized 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) as agreed at the December meeting

and agreed that both meetings shall be open to the public;

– **Other business** – none;

- **Next meetings:** noted that the date of the next meeting currently foreseen for 15 March 2022 may be changed and that members would be informed as soon as possible;

Plenary Committee:

- 15 March 2022, t.b.c.²
- 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.

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 2pm, with Mr André Gattolin (France/ALDE), oldest member present in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee’s Chairperson:** elected Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere (Latvia, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation;

Then with Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee’s Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Kamal Jafarov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) by acclamation;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT):** considered the lists of candidates to the CPT in respect of the Republic of Moldova, Sweden and Spain. Agreed on an order of preference amongst the candidates on each of those lists, to be transmitted to the plenary Committee for endorsement;
- **Next meeting:** during the April 2022 part-session.

² After the meeting members were informed that the next meeting will be held on 4 April 2022. This replaces the proposed date of 15 March 2022.

The Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), scheduled for 26 January 2022 at 3.20pm, was postponed owing to lack of time.

Günter Schirmer, Agnieszka Szklanna, Lilian Apostol, Zhanna Petrukovich

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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

Titular member / Membre titulaire

Alternate member/
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1.	Ms LIBINA-EGNERE Inese (Chair/Présidente)	Latvia/Lettonie	
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5.	Mr BACELAR DE VASCONCELOS Pedro	Portugal	
6.	Ms BARDELL Hannah	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	Mr SHEPPARD Tommy
7.	Ms BAYR Petra	Austria/Autriche	
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9.	Mrs FILIPOVSKI Dubravka	Serbia/ Serbie	
10.	Ms GASIUK-PIHOWICZ Kamila	Poland/Pologne	
11.	M. GATTOLIN André	France	M. PETIT Frédéric
12.	Mr GONCHARENKO Oleksii	Ukraine	
13.	Ms HIGGINS Emer	Ireland / Irlande	
14.	Mr KLEINWAECHTER Norbert	Germany/Allemagne	Mr ABRAHAM Knut
15.	Mr LAMUÀ Marc	Spain/Espagne	Ms SUMELZO Susana
16.	Ms LOUIS Alexandra	France	Mr VALLINI André
17.	Mr MEREZHKO Oleksandr	Ukraine	Mr. KALCHENKO Serhii
18.	Mr MIKANADZE Givi	Georgia/Géorgie	Ms DEKANOIDZE Khatia
19.	Ms MODERT Octavie	Luxembourg	
20.	Mr NORDQVIST Rasmus	Denmark/Danemark	
21.	Ms RIZZOTTI Maria	Italy/ Italie	Mr SCOMA Francesco
22.	Mr ŚMISZEK Krzysztof	Poland/Pologne	
23.	Mr SEKULIĆ Predrag	Montenegro/ Monténégro	
24.	Ms SPĂTARU Elena-Simona	Romania/Roumanie	Mr CORLĂTEAN Titus
25.	Mr STYLIANIDIS Evripidis	Greece/Grèce	Mr KATROUGKALOS Georgios
26.	Ms VALTONEN Elina	Finland/ Finlande	
27.	Ms VAN VAERENBERGH Kristien	Belgium/Belgique	Ms MARGHEM Marie-Christine
28.	Mr VARDANYAN Vladimir	Armenia/Arménie	Ms JULHAKYAN Arusyak
29.	Mr ZINGERIS Emanuelis	Lithuania/Lituanie	

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Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
Sous-commission sur la mise en œuvre des arrêts de la Cour européenne des droits de
l'homme
(29 sièges)

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4.	Sir	CHOPE Christopher	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	Sir	LEIGH Edward
5.	Mr	CILEVIČS Boriss	Latvia/Lettonie		
6.	Mr	CORLATEAN Titus	Romania / Roumanie	Mr	NAGY Szabolcs
7.	Ms	GASIUK-PIHOWICZ Kamila	Poland/Pologne		
8.	Mr	GERMANN, Hannes	Switzerland/Suisse	Mr	COTTIER Damien
9.	Mr	GUTIÉRREZ PIETRO Sergio	Spain/Espagne		
10.	Mr	HONKONEN Petri	Finland/ Finlande		
11.	Mr	JAFAROV Kamal	Azerbaijan/ Azerbaïdjan	Mr	GADIRLI Erkin
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16.	Ms	LOVOCHKINA Yuliya	Ukraine		
17.	Ms	MARGHEM Marie-Christine	Belgium/Belgique	Ms	GAHOUCI Latifa
18.	Mr	MESSERSCHMIDT Morten	Denmark/Danemark		
19.	Mr	MIKANADZE Givi	Georgie/ Géorgie	Ms	DEKANOIDZE Khatia
20.	Mr	NIKOLOSKI Aleksandr	North Macedonia/ Macédoine du Nord		
21.	Ms	PANTIC PILJA Biljana	Serbia/Serbie		
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24.	Mr	STIER Davor Ivo	Croatia/Croatie		
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Sous-commission sur l'intelligence artificielle et des droits de l'homme (29 sièges)
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3.	Mr CILEVIČS Boriss	Latvia/Lettonie
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