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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 23 May 2022

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 25 May 2022, with Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards;

- ***The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region*** (Rapporteur: Mr Frank Schwabe, Germany, SOC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- ***Ensuring accountability for the downing of flight MH 17*** (Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- ***Political prisoners in the Russian Federation*** (Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation; and decided to change the title to: "Reported cases of political prisoners in the Russian Federation";
- ***The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on prison population in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Givi Mikanadze, Georgia, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum, agreed to hold a hearing with experts at a future meeting subject to the availability of funds, and to send out a questionnaire via the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD);
- ***References transmitted to the committee:***

Call for candidates for Rapporteur for opinion:
Child abuse in Europe: addressing, compensation and prevention (Rapporteur for the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC): called for candidates to notify the secretariat of their interest before the June 2022 part-session;
- ***Ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on carrying out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine for the purpose of gathering information on possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the war of aggression launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine (ad hoc sub-committee)***: agreed on the composition of the ad hoc sub-committee following reception of candidatures from the political groups and to forward this information to the Bureau for its consideration and authorisation of a visit to Ukraine in due course;
- ***Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, the Netherlands, EPP/CD), (Rapporteur for opinion for Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC): held a hearing with the participation of:

Dr Leyla Ferman, Chair of Women for Justice, Germany.

Ms Naomi Prodeau, Lead lawyer, investigations team, Free Yezidi Foundation, Iraq;

- **Preventing vaccine discrimination** (*Rapporteur: Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*): held a hearing, including the follow-up to [Resolution 2383 \(2021\)](#) on “Covid passes or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications: (*Rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE*), with the participation of:

Ms Karine Lefeuvre, Vice-President, National Ethical Consultative Committee for life sciences and health, Paris

Mr Jan Rohde-Stadler, Team Leader on COVID-19 Free Movement issues, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

- **Committee procedures:** agreed to further highlight the call for Rapporteurs in future agendas; noted flexibility required re submission of amendments whilst encouraging them to be transmitted in advance of the meetings;

- **Other business:**

- **[Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#):** recalled the extended deadline of 30 June 2022 for applications;

- **Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe:** appointed Mr Krzysztof Śmiszek (Poland, SOC) as the committee’s representative;

- **Sub-committees:** agreed to the following nominations:
Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, (Iceland, Soc) to be a titular member of the Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;
Ms Marina Berlinghieri (Italy, SOC) to be a titular member of the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights and Ms Maria Rizzotti (Italy, EPP/CD) to be her alternate;

- **Plenary of the Financial Action Task Force 14-17 June 2022, Hybrid Meeting, Berlin;** authorised the participation of the Committee representative for Moneyval, Ms Sunna Aevardottir (Iceland, SOC), to attend online;

- **“Grey zones”** (human rights protection in territories of State Parties to the ECHR occupied by non-State Parties) – agreed to have this issue incorporated into the report on “Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine (*Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE*)

- **Next meetings:**

Plenary Committee:

- during the Assembly’s 3rd part-session of 2022 (20-24 June 2022)
- 5 and 6 September in Bern and Neuchâtel, subject to authorisation by the Bureau and the availability of funds
- 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 Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Paris on Monday 25 May at 5.10pm, with Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC oldest member present, then Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee’s Bureau:** elected Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation and decided to postpone the election of a Vice-Chairperson to a future meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), meeting in Paris on Monday 25 May at 5.20pm with Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC oldest member present, then continuing as elected Chairperson, as regards:

- **Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:** elected Mr Boriss Cilevičs, (Latvia, SOC) Chairperson and Ms Sena Nur Celik as Vice-Chairperson, both by acclamation.
- **Next meeting:** left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Günter Schirmer, Guillem Cano-Palomares, Agnieszka Szklanna, Lilian Apostol

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors 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
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Composition of Sub-Committees
Composition des sous-commissions

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

Sous-commission sur l'intelligence artificielle et les droits de l'homme (28 sièges)

List of members
Liste des membres

Titular member / Membre titulaire

Alternate member / Membre remplaçant

1.	Ms ÆVARSDÓTTIR Thórhildur Sunna (Chair/Présidente)	Iceland/Islande		
2.	Mr ALTUNYALDIZ Ziya	Turkey / Turquie		
3.	Ms BERLINGHIERI Marina	Italy /Italie	Ms	RIZZOTTI Maria
4.	Mr CALVET Jacques	France	Mr	BECHT Olivier
5.	Mr CILEVIČS Boriss	Latvia / Lettonie		
6.	Mr COTTIER Damien	Switzerland /Suisse	Ms	MARET Marianne
7.	M. GOUTTEFARDE Fabien	France	Mr	GATTOLIN André
8.	Ms HIGGINS Emer	Ireland / Irlande		
9.	Ms HORGA Maria Gabriela	Romania / Roumanie	Mr	NICULESCU ȚĂGÂRLAȘ Cristian Augustin
10.	Mr KAIRIDIS Dimitrios	Greece/ Grèce	Ms	KANELLI Liana
11.	Mr KOÇ Haluk	Turkey / Turquie	Mr	AYDIN Kamil
12.	Mr PALALIC Gojko	Serbia / Serbie		
13.	Mr PROTASIEWICZ Jacek	Poland / Pologne		
14.	Mr ZINGERIS Emanuelis	Lithuania / Lituanie		
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ex officio: Chairperson of AS/Jur :

Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)

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
(28 seats)**

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

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2.	Ms ÆVARSDÓTTIR Thórhildur Sunna	Iceland / Islande	
3.	Ms BAYR Petra	Austria / Autriche	
4.	Mr BUCCARELLA Maurizio	Italy / Italie	Mr SCOMA Francesco
5.	Ms ÇELİK Sena Nur	Turkey / Turquie	
6.	Sir CHOPE Christopher	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Sir LEIGH Edward
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.	Mr GUTIÉRREZ PIETRO Sergio	Spain / Espagne	
12.	Mr JAFAROV Kamal	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Mr GADIRLI Erkin
13.	Mr KUHLE Konstantin	Germany / Allemagne	Mr MIJATOVIĆ Boris
14.	Ms LIBINA-EGNERE Inese	Latvia / Lettonie	
15.	Mr LLOYD Tony	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	
16.	Ms. LÓPEZ Eva	Andorra / Andorre	
17.	Ms LOVOCHKINA Yuliya	Ukraine	
18.	Ms MARGHEM Marie-Christine	Belgium / Belgique	Ms GAHOUCHI Latifa
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20.	Mr NIKOLOSKI Aleksandr	North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord	
21.	Ms PANTIC PILJA Biljana	Serbia /Serbie	
22.	Mr PETIT Frédéric	France	Mr GOUTTEFARDE Fabien
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