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**DRAFT AGENDA
of the meeting on Thursday 26 January 2012
from 9.30 am to 1 pm
Room G01, Agora**

1. Opening of the meeting
Annelise Oeschger, Chair of the Human Rights Committee
2. Draft agenda for adoption
3. Draft [synopsis of the meeting held on 22 June 2011](#): for adoption
4. Promoting the European Social Charter and its mechanism of collective complaints: Exchange of views with *Ambassador Andrey Tehov*, Chair of the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H), *Luis Jimena Quesada*, Chair of the European Committee of Social Rights and *Régis Brillat*, Head of the European Social Charter Department (see [Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the 50th anniversary of the European Social Charter du 12 October 2011](#))
5. Reform of the European Court of Human Rights
 - Progress made in the Reform, *Giuseppe Guarneri*, representative of the Conference of INGOs on the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)
 - [Policy paper for representation on the CDDH](#) : for discussion and adoption
6. Recommendation on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, ([draft recommendation](#)) *Nigel Warner*, ILGA: for discussion and adoption
7. Follow-up to the resolutions of the Conference of INGOs (of [22 June 2011](#) and [4 October 2011](#)) concerning human rights, the rule of law and democracy in Belarus
 - Current situation: Report by the Political Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly ([Doc. 12820 of 9 January 2012](#)), rapporteur *Andres Herkel*; *Andrey Yurov*, Head of the International Observation Mission of the Committee on International Control over the Human Rights Situation in Belarus
 - An increasingly critical situation for civil society, *Cyril Ritchie*, Rapporteur of the Conference of INGOs on Belarus
 - Discussion and adoption of a recommendation

8. Issues to be addressed by the Committee's working groups for 2012

- European Social Charter, *Marie-José Schmitt*, Vice-Chair ([work plan](#))
- Human Rights Defenders, *Dmitri Makarov*, YHRM, *Gérard Greneron*, Vice-Chair ([work plan](#))
- Extreme poverty and human rights, *Jean-Gabriel Prieur*, ATD Quart Monde, *Maritchu Rall*, AIC ([work plan](#))
- Violence against elderly people and human rights, *Alain Koskas*, FIAPA
- Education for democratic citizenship and human rights in the digital media sector, *Gabriel Nissim*, representative of the Conference of INGOs on the Committee on the Media and New Communication Services
- Follow-up to the Recommendation on "[Sectarian Excesses and Violations of Human Rights](#)", *Danièle Muller-Tulli*, FECRIS
- Religions and human rights: *François Becker* European Network Churches and Freedoms

9. Human rights at local level and quadrilogue

Exchange on the Committee 's future involvement (on the basis of reports by Lars O. Molin, Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: [The role of local and regional authorities in the implementation of human rights](#) (CG(18)6, 2010), and [Developing indicators to raise awareness of human rights at local and regional level](#) (CG(21)10, 2011).

10. Other business