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## **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**

### **Draft Agenda**

**of the meeting to be held in Yerevan, Armenia  
on:**

**Monday 9 December 2024 from 10am – 5.30pm**

**Tuesday 10 December 2024 from 10am – 1pm**

**Venue:**

**National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia**

**19 Marshall Baghramyan Avenue**

**Yerevan**

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**This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates, is the  
convocation to the meeting**

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#### **Monday 9 December 2024 from 10am – 5.30pm**

**1. Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

**2. Minutes**

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held during the autumn part-session, 30 September – 4 October 2024

### 3. Opening session

- Welcoming address by H.E. Mr Alen Simonyan, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
- Opening statement by Mr Ruben Rubinyan, Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Chairperson of the Armenian Delegation to PACE
- Statement by video by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Statement by Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

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#### 3.1. Legal and humanitarian aspects related to Azerbaijan's military operation in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and the refugee situation in Armenia

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Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Yeghishe Kirakosyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia before the International Court of Justice

Ms Anahit Manasyan, Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia

Ms Mariam Poghosyan, forcibly displaced civilian from the Nagorno-Karabakh region

Exchange of views on the refugee situation with Ms Monica Sandri, Representative ad interim (a.i.), UNHCR Armenia

#### 3.2. Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 12th report

*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*

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Hearing related to Armenia with the participation of:

Mr Yeghishe Kirakosyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the European Court of Human Rights

Ms Arpi Harutyunyan, Justice and Human Rights Portfolios Manager, Democracy Development Foundation

Ms Araks Melkonyan, President, "The Protection of Rights without Borders" Non-Governmental Organization

### 4. References transmitted to the committee

[AS/Jur/Inf (2024) 08 - Appointment procedure document

AS/Jur/Inf (2024) 20- Rapporteur table

[Doc. 16017](#)

[Doc. 16059](#)

[Doc. 16015](#)

[Doc. 16021](#)

[Doc. 15521](#)

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[Doc. 16014\]](#)

#### Appointment of Rapporteurs:

- Fighting back against transnational repression
- Updating the Venice Commission Rule of Law Checklist: a contribution by the Assembly
- Draft Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer (subject to the request from the Committee of Ministers and reference to the committee for opinion)

**Appointment of Rapporteurs for opinion:**

- Bürgenstock summit on peace in Ukraine: paving the way  
Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)
- Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

**Call for a Rapporteur for report:**

- Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan  
(to replace former Rapporteur, Ms Hannah Bardell, UK, NR who has resigned as Rapporteur)

**Call for a Rapporteur for opinion:**

- Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)

**For information:**

- Role of the Council of Europe in countering the sanctions' evasion and creating a Register of entities assisting the Russian Federation in circumventing restrictive measures

***Lunch 1-2.30pm (in the National Assembly)***

**5. Private military companies, mercenaries, foreign fighters and their impact on human rights**

*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Orlando, Italie, SOC*  
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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

**6. Proceeds of the crime denounced by Sergei Magnitsky found in Switzerland must not be returned to the presumed perpetrators**

*Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko, Ukraine, ALDE*  
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

Exchange of views with Mr Andreas Gross (Switzerland), former member of PACE and Rapporteur on "Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky"

**3.30pm - Hearing:**

**7. Regulating foreign influence: best practices and European standards**

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Consideration of a motion for a resolution to be tabled on behalf of the committee

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Julien Mousnier, Director of Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy at Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission (online)

Mr Giorgi Oniani, Deputy Executive Director at Transparency International, Georgia

**4.15pm – Hearing:**

**8. Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe**

*Rapporteur: Ms Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen, Finland, SOC*

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Hearing with the participation of:

Ms Anna Myers, Executive Director, Whistleblowing International Network, United Kingdom

Ms Vigjilenca Abazi, Assistant Professor of European Law, University of Maastricht

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**9. International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime, 9 December**

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Luis Moreno Ocampo, former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Ms Edita Gzoyan, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation

**10. Opinion on the Draft Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer**

*Rapporteur: to be appointed*

[Draft Convention]

Hearing with the participation of:

Dr. Christoph Henrichs, LL.M., German Federal Ministry of Justice, Head of Section "International Law, Law of International Organisations", Chair of the Committee of Experts on the Protection of Lawyers (CJ-AV) tasked with drafting of the Convention (online)

Mr Laurent Pettiti, President of the French Bar Delegation in Brussels, Representative of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

Mr Arnold Vardanyan, member of the Armenian Chamber of Advocates

**11. Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine**

*Rapporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE)*  
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

**12. Youth Rapporteur (Assembly Resolution 2553 "Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly")**

Nomination of a committee representative

**13. Committee of experts on the protection of the environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV)**

Update by the committee's representative, Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC)

**14. Hearings during the next meeting**

**15. Other business**

- Request for extension of references:

- Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan
- Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights (Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC)

- Appointment of a representative for the World Congress on Enforced Disappearances (15-16 January 2025 in Geneva)

**16. Next meetings**

*Plenary Committee:*

- during the Assembly's 1<sup>st</sup> part-session 2025 (27-31 January 2025)
- 3 March 2025, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2025 (7-11 April 2025)
- 13 May 2025, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2025 (23-27 June 2025)
- 8 September 2023, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of 2025 (29<sup>th</sup> September – 3 October 2025)
- 10 December 2025, Paris Office (t.b.c.)