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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 29-30 September, and 2 October 2025

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 29-30 September and 2 October 2025, with first Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD), second Vice-Chairperson, then Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, ECPA), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on Monday 29 September 2025 at 2pm, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: Statutory opinion on the draft convention establishing an international claims commission for Ukraine** (*rapporteur: Lord Richard Keen, United Kingdom, ECPA*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr René Lefebvre, Chair of the Ad hoc Committee on the Establishment of a Claims Commission for Ukraine (CAHEC) (online) and Mr Markiyano Kliuchkovskiy, Executive Director, Register of Damage for Ukraine, Council of Europe;
- on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 8.30am, as regards:
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: Statutory opinion on the draft convention establishing an international claims commission for Ukraine** (*rapporteur: Lord Richard Keen, United Kingdom, ECPA*): considered and unanimously adopted a draft opinion;
 - **Threats to the International Criminal Court** (*rapporteur: Mr Tekke Panman, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to the ICC in The Hague, subject to the availability of funds;
 - **Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights** (*rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to ask the Bureau for an extension of the reference until 30 June 2027;
 - **Work programme:**
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs for report:** appointed:
 - by acclamation, Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on “Updating the Venice Commission Rule of Law Checklist: a contribution by the Assembly”, following the departure of Ms Klotilda Bushka (Albania, SOC) from the Assembly;
 - following a vote, Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD), as rapporteur on “Corruption as a threat to democracy and the rule of law in Europe: the emergency of the situation in Spain”;
 - by acclamation, Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), as rapporteur on “Accountability for the Russian Federation’s war of aggression against Ukraine”;

and heard from them declarations of absence of conflict of interest;

- **Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion:** appointed by acclamation, Mr Ivan Račan (Croatia, SOC), as rapporteur for opinion on “Situation in Belarus” and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Reference extension request:** “Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan” (rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC): agreed to make a request to the Bureau for an extension until 30 June 2026;
- **on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 2.45pm**, as regards:
 - **Political prisoners in Belarus** (*General Rapporteur for political prisoners: Ms Azadeh Rojhan, Sweden, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Natallia Dulina, former associate professor of Italian Language and Culture at the Minsk State Linguistic University, former political prisoner;
 - **Reply from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the committee:** considered the reply from the Committee of Ministers to the following recommendation:
 - Recommendation 2287 (2024) on “Civil society and the Parliamentary Assembly: towards greater transparency and engagement”;
 - **Reporting back on participation in meetings:** heard from Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) about her participation in the 99th Plenary meeting of GRECO, Strasbourg, 17-19 March 2025;
 - **Changes in the composition of the sub-committees:** approved the change as follows:
 - *Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights:* Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD) as alternate member for Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC);
- **on Thursday 2 October 2025 at 2pm**, as regards:
 - **The need to modernise International Humanitarian Law** (*rapporteur: Mr Vladimir Vardanyan, Armenia, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Marco Sassòli, Professor of International Law at the University of Geneva, Commissioner and member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists, Mr Stuart Casey-Maslen, Special Advisor to the IHL in Focus Project, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, and Ms Nataliia Hendel, Senior researcher, Institute of Information, Security and Law of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine (online);
 - **Safeguarding human rights in the artificial intelligence-driven public sector** (*rapporteur: Ms Gala Veldhoen, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Call for candidates for rapporteurs for report:** made a call for rapporteurs, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - *Justice delayed: the unfinished implementation of the Daphne Caruana Galizia case*
 - *Ensuring accountability for the downing of Azerbaijan Airlines flight 8243 and preventing risks of military targeting of civil aircrafts*
 - **Sub-Committee on Human Rights:** endorsed by acclamation the proposals of the sub-committee concerning the lists of candidates to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) submitted by the delegations of Slovenia, Denmark, Sweden, Serbia, Liechtenstein and Estonia (thus accepting the proposal of the sub-committee concerning the single-sex list submitted by the Swedish delegation);

- **Other business: Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence, London, 15-16 December 2025:** appointed Mr Evripidis Stylianidis (Greece, EPP/CD) to sit as substitute on the *ad hoc* committee;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - 1-2 December 2025, London
Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
 - 13-14 October 2025, Warsaw
Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
 - 2 December 2025 (morning), London.

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The Sub-Committee on Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 2pm, with Ms Octavie Modert (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT):** considered the lists of candidates to the CPT in respect of Slovenia, Denmark, Sweden, Serbia, Liechtenstein and Estonia, agreed to propose that the single-sex list submitted by the Swedish delegation be accepted and agreed on an order of preference amongst the candidates on each of those lists;
- **Next meeting:** during the Assembly's 1st part-session of 2026 (26 – 30 January 2026).

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