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

### Synopsis

### of the meeting held in Geneva (Switzerland) on 18 and 19 November 2024

**The Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights**, meeting in Geneva (Switzerland) on 18-19 November, with first Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson, and then with Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in the Chair:

- **on Monday 18 November 2024 at 1.45pm**, as regards:
  - **Welcoming addresses:** heard welcoming addresses from:
    - Ms Carole-Anne Kast, member of the Council of the Canton of Geneva, in charge of the department of institutions and digital technology, and
    - Ambassador Sylvie Bollini, Permanent Observer of the Council of Europe to the United Nations Office and other international organisations in Geneva;
  - **The Council of Europe and AI: promoting the signature and ratification of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law** : held a hearing with the participation of:
    - Mr Mario Hernandez Ramos, Chair of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) of the Council of Europe;
    - Dr Angela Müller, Executive Director AlgorithmWatch CH, Head of Policy & Advocacy;
    - Ms Sabine Süssstrunk, Full Professor at the Image and Visual Representation Laboratory, *École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)* and President of the Swiss Science Council;
  - **The United Nations' role in AI governance:** held a hearing with the participation of:
    - Mr Scott Campbell, Human Rights and Digital Technology team leader, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures, and Rights to Development Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
    - Mr Jaroslav K. Ponder, Head of the Office for Europe at the ITU (International Telecommunication Union);
    - Mr. Cedric Wachholz, Chief of Section, Digital Policies and Digital Transformation, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) (*online*);
  - **AI, armed conflicts and security:** held a hearing moderated by Mr Philippe Stoll, Senior Techplomacy Delegate at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), with the participation of:
    - Dr Jean-Marc Rickli, Head of Global and Emerging Risks at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP);
    - Mr Giacomo Persi Paoli, Head of Security and Technology, UNIDIR (United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research);
    - Dr Wen Zhou, Legal Adviser of the Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit of the Legal Division, ICRC;

- **on Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 2pm:** as regards:
- **AI and its impact on democratic processes:** held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Mr Andrin Eichin, Senior Policy Advisor International Relations at the Swiss Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM), Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Generative Artificial Intelligence implications for Freedom of Expression (MSI-AI) and member of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI);
  - Ms Estelle Pannatier, Policy & Advocacy Manager at AlgorithmWatch CH;
  - Mr Alexander Barclay, Cantonal delegate for digital policy, Canton of Geneva;
- **Will AI change the role of parliamentarians in public debate and the way parliaments work (best practices)?:** held a roundtable moderated by Mr Alexis Favre, host of the show 'Infrarouge', Radio Télévision Suisse (RTS), with the participation of:
  - Ms Céline Amaudruz, member of the Swiss National Council and of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
  - Mr Samuel Bendahan, member of the Swiss National Council;
  - Mr Andy Richardson, Programme manager, Centre for Innovation in Parliament, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU);
- **The role and responsibilities of the private sector:** held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Mr Antoine Bosselut, Assistant Professor in the School of Computer and Communication Sciences at EPFL;
  - Ms Marieke Hood, Executive Director Impact Translator, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA);
  - Ms Anne-Sophie Morand, Lawyer and Data Governance Counsel at Swisscom;
- **Other business:** agreed to declassify the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 3 October 2024, during the fourth part-session of the Assembly;
- **Next meeting:** agreed to meet during the part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly to be held in Strasbourg in January 2025.

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