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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised 2 draft agenda

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

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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

- Thursday 30 January 2025, 08:30 – 10:00 (Room 9)
- Thursday 30 January 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 (Room 9): Joint hearing by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Thursday 30 January 2025, 08:30 – 10:00

23. Debate under urgent procedure on The urgent need for free and fair elections in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Ryszard Petru (Poland, ALDE)

[\[Doc. 16105\]](#); [Amendments](#)

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 29 January 2025, 10:30

Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 30 January 2025, morning sitting

24. Debate under urgent procedure on European commitment to a just and lasting peace in Ukraine

Rapporteur: Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC)

[\[Doc. 16106\]](#); [Amendments](#)

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 29 January 2025, 16:30

Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 30 January 2025, morning sitting

25. Institutional representation of the Committee

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)

26. Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention

Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

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Consideration of an outline report

27. Work programme (continued)

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27.1. Designation of rapporteurs for report

- Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies ([Doc. 16062](#))
- A closer cooperation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the United States Congress ([Doc. 16109](#)) (subject to referral for report from the Bureau)

27.2. Declarations of interests

- Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL), rapporteur on “Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly’s relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council”
- Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC), Youth Rapporteur

28. Reporting back on participation in meetings

- Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights), Geneva (Switzerland), 18-19 November 2024: Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD)

29. Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the parliamentary conference on “Envisioning effective public policy to prevent & address cases of missing migrants” organised as a follow-up to Resolution 2569 (2024) “Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers – A call to clarify their fate”, in Strasbourg, on 23-24 April 2025

Appointment of members to participate in the parliamentary conference

30. Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment

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Appointment of a member to participate in the Network

31. Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the meeting between parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), in Kristiansand, Norway, on 4-5 May 2025

Appointment of members to participate in the event

32. Authorisations by the Committee

33. Other business

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025: [call for nominations](#)

34. Next meetings

- Wednesday 5 March 2025, Paris
- April part-session (7-11 April 2025), Strasbourg
- May 2025 (date and venue *tbc*)
- June part-session (23-27 June 2025), Strasbourg
- Wednesday 10 September 2025, Paris
- October part-session (29 September-3 October 2025), Strasbourg
- Thursday 11 December 2025, Paris.

Thursday 30 January 2025, 14:00 – 15:00

35. Ukrainian prisoners of war, journalists and other civilians held in captivity by the Russian Federation

Joint hearing by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media in the framework of the following reports:

“Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war” (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Rapporteur Yelyzaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD)

“Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine” (Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Rapporteur Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE)

“Missing persons, prisoners of war and civilians in captivity as a result of the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine” (Doc. 16050) (Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Rapporteur for follow-up Ms Mariia Mezentseva-Fedorenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD)

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

With the participation of:

- Mr Maksym Butkevych, Human rights defender, officer of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, ex-POW, journalist
- Ms Leniie Umerova - recently exchanged Crimean Tatar and civilian hostage (Ukrainian citizen)
- Mr Yulian Pylypei, Ukrainian marine, Mariupol defender, 2.5 years in Russian captivity
- Ms Nataliia Yashchuk, Senior War Consequences Officer, Center for Civil Liberties, Kyiv