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2 October 2024

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Draft agenda

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convocation to the meeting

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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

Monday 30 September 2024, 14:00 – 15:00, Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World, open to all the members of the Committee, followed by a meeting of the Committee, 15:00 – 15:30, Room 9

Tuesday 1 October 2024, 14:00 – 15:30, Room 9

Thursday 3 October 2024, 08:30 – 10:00, Room 9, Meeting of the Committee followed by a meeting of the Sub-Committee on External Relations, 9:30 – 10:00, Room 9

A. Monday 30 September 2024, 14:00 – 15:30, Room 9

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World (interpretation in English and French)

1. Agenda

[AS/Pol/ME (2024) OJ 04]

Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Pol/ME (2024) PV 03]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2024

3. Situation in the Middle East

Hearing with the online participation of:

- Mr Ehud Olmert, former Prime Minister, Israel
- Mr Nasser Al Kidwa, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Palestinian Authority

Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

4. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

5. Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America

Rapporteur: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC

Online address by Ms María Corina Machado, National Coordinator of Vente Venezuela

B. Tuesday 1 October 2024, 14:00 – 15:30, Room 9

6. Draft minutes

[AS/Pol (2024) PV 06 Add; AS/Pol (2024) PV 07]

Approval of the addendum to the minutes of the meetings held during the 2024 June part-session and in Paris on 9 September 2024

7. The situation in Iran and the protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States

Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks, Germany, SOC

[[Doc. 16035](#); amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 30 September 2024, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 1 October 2024, afternoon sitting

8. Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war

Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD

[[Doc. 16021](#)]

Statement by the rapporteur

Hearing with the online participation of Mr Dmytro Lubinets, Ombudsman of Ukraine

9. Consideration of draft motions for resolutions to be tabled on behalf of the committee

[Draft motions]

Russian democratic forces

The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

C. Thursday 3 October 2024, 08:30 – 10:00, Room 9

Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

10. Work programme

[AS/Pol (2024) WP 07]

10.1. Declarations of interests

Political parties and democracy ([Doc. 16005](#)), Rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou, Norway, EPP/CD

Bürgenstock summit on peace in Ukraine: paving the way ([Doc. 16015](#)), Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE

10.2. Appointment of Committee representatives

Appointment of members to the ad hoc committee of the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine ([Res. 2529](#))

Appointment of members to the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference "Promoting safety, integrity, equality and inclusion in sport", Athens, 4-5 November 2024

Appointment of members to the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the [World Forum for Democracy](#) on 6-8 November 2024 in Strasbourg

10.3. Call for candidates

Youth Rapporteur (Assembly [Resolution 2553](#) "Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly")

Rapporteur on Situation in Belarus

General rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus

11. Western Balkans

[AS/Pol/WB (2024) OJ 03; AS/Pol/Inf (2024) 10 rev; AS/Pol/Inf (2024) 11]

Preparation of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans in Belgrade on 10-11 October 2024

12. Authorisations

Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), general rapporteur on Russian democratic forces, to attend the 13th Free Russia Forum, Vilnius, 4-5 October 2024, and the 4th conference of the Russian Anti-War Committee, Berlin, 9-10 November 2024 (subject to the availability of funds)

Mr George Papandreou, (Greece, SOC), general rapporteur on democracy, to attend the 2nd meeting of the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM), Strasbourg, 29-30 October 2024 (subject to the availability of funds)

Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence" to participate in the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Geneva (Switzerland), 18-19 November 2024 (at no cost for the Assembly)

Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), rapporteur on Elections in times of crisis, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm, in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the availability of funds)

13. Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees

14. Other business

15. Next meetings

- Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans, Belgrade, 10-11 October 2024
- Sub-Committee on External Relations, UN Headquarters, New York, USA (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau, dates to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 11 December 2024, Paris
- January part-session (27-31 January 2025), Strasbourg
- Wednesday 5 March 2025, Paris
- April part-session (7-11 April 2025), Strasbourg
- May 2025 (date to be confirmed)
- 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.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on External Relations (interpretation in English and French)

1. Draft agenda

[AS/Pol/ER (2024) OJ 02]

2. Relations with the United Nations

[Order 500(1994); AS/Pol/ER (2022) OJ 03def; AS/Pol/ER (2022) CB 01 Bil;
AS/Pol/ER (2018) OJ 02rev4; AS/Pol/ER (2018) CB 01 Bil]

Preparation of the meeting of the sub-committee at the UN Headquarters in New-York (dates to be confirmed)

3. Other business

4. Date and place of the next meeting