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Bureau of the Assembly

Draft agenda (revised 2)

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is the convocation to the meeting

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Date: Friday 5 September 2025, from 9.00 am to 11.30 am

Venue: Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 55, avenue Kléber, Paris 16th (Metro: Boissière) Tel.: + 33 1 44 05 33 60

1. **Communication by the President**
[AS/Bur (2025) 46]

2. **Agenda**
[AS/Bur (2025) OJ 09 rev 2]
Draft decision: to adopt the draft agenda.

3. **Minutes**
[AS/Bur (2025) PV 07; AS/Bur (2025) PV 08]
Draft decision: to adopt the draft minutes of the meetings held on 23 and 27 June 2025.

9.15 am – in camera

4. **Election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly**
[CM/Res(2025)1 ; CM(2025)73]

Exchange of views with Dr Despina Chatzivassiliou (Greece)

According to the timetable for the election of the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, approved by the Bureau on 13 December 2024, the Bureau is scheduled to conduct interviews with candidates for the post of Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly on 5 September 2025. Following an exchange of views with Dr Despina Chatzivassiliou on 18 June 2025 and consultations with the Assembly's representatives in the Joint Committee on 23 June, the Committee of Ministers formally submitted Dr Chatzivassiliou's candidacy to the Assembly on 7 July. Dr Chatzivassiliou is the sole candidate for the position. The Bureau will hold a 45-minute discussion with the candidate, beginning with a 15-minute presentation followed by questions from the Bureau members.

5. Fourth part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 29 September – 3 October)

5.1. Request for a debate under urgent procedure

[Letter]

- *Reporting from Gaza: an urgent call to protect the lives of journalists and support their work* (at the request of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)

Draft decision: to take note of the request.

5.2. Request for a current affairs debate

- *Political crisis in Serbia* (at the request of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group)

Draft decision: to take note of the request.

5.3. Draft agenda

[AS/Bur (2025) 47]

Draft decision: to draw up the draft agenda.

6. References and transmissions to committees

[AS/Bur (2025) 45]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document, to be ratified by the Assembly in the Progress report.

7. Election observation

7.1. Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (28 September 2025)

[Statement; list of members]

Draft decision: to take note of the statement of the pre-electoral delegation and to approve the revised list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe these elections.

7.2. Proposal for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting in the context of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025)

[Memorandum]

Draft decision: to take note of the memorandum and to decide, whether or not, to observe out-of-country voting in the context of these elections.

8. Meetings of the Standing Committee and the Bureau in 2026

[AS/Bur (2025) 48]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document.

9. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

[Press release]

Draft decision: to take note of the shortlist drawn up by the Selection Panel.

10.45 am

- 10. Exchange of views with the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe**
- 11. Issues raised by committees**

11.1. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

[Letter]

Draft decision: to decide whether to authorise the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty, Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC), to attend an event co-organised by DG1 and the National Human Rights Council of Morocco in Rabat on 10 October 2025, on the occasion of the world day against the death penalty.

- 12. Other business**

Items possibly to be dealt with without debate:

- 13. [Possibly] Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**
[Lists of members]
Draft decision: to approve the lists of members.
- 14. Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris**
[AS/Bur (2025) 49]
Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document.
- 15. Date and place of next meetings**

Monday 29 September 2025, 8 h 00, Strasbourg (part session);
Friday 3 October 2025, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
Tuesday 4 November 2025, 18 h 00, Strasbourg (75th anniversary of the European Convention on Human Rights).