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Bureau of the Assembly

Draft agenda (revised 2)

This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Bureau of the Assembly,
is the convocation to the meeting

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and Heads of Secretariats of the Assembly's general committees

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Date: Thursday 22 May 2025, from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Venue: Valletta, *Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta* (Meeting room: the Grand Ballroom)

1. **Communication by the President**
[AS/Bur (2025) 28]

2. **Agenda**
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Draft decision: to adopt the revised draft agenda.

3. **Minutes**
[AS/Bur (2025) PV 04; AS/Bur (2025) PV 05]

Draft decision: to approve the draft minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 11 April 2025.

4. **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Valletta (23 May 2025)**

4.1. Requests for current affairs debates

- *The need to ensure the survival of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty* (at the request of the leaders of the SOC, EPP/CD, ECPA and ALDE groups)
- *The role of parliamentarians in safeguarding human rights amid rising military expenditure* (at the request of the UEL group)

Draft decision: to decide whether to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold these debates and, if so, to appoint the first speakers.

4.2. Consideration of the draft agenda
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Draft decision: to take note of the revised draft agenda.

5. Third part-session of 2025 (Strasbourg, 23-27 June)

5.1. Requests for debates under urgent procedure

- *Women's rights in Europe – Progress and challenges* (at the request of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)
- *Halting the genocide in Gaza – The Council of Europe must act now* (at the request of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)

Draft decision: to take note of the requests.

5.2. Draft agenda

[AS/Bur (2025) 30]

Draft decision: to draw up the draft agenda for the third part-session of 2025.

6. References and transmissions to committees

[AS/Bur (2025) 27]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document, to be ratified by the Standing Committee.

7. Election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

[AS/Bur (2025) 31]

Draft decision: to consider and approve the proposals contained in the memorandum prepared by the Secretariat of the Assembly.

8. Issues raised by committees

8.1. Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

[Briefing note; policy; letter]

Draft decision: to consider and approve the draft Parliamentary Assembly child safeguarding policy.

8.2. Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

[Terms of reference; letter]

Draft decision: to consider and approve the Terms of Reference of the General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers.

9. Election observation

9.1. Albania: parliamentary elections (11 May 2025)

[Statement]

Draft decision: to take note of the statement of the delegation.

9.2. Poland: presidential election (18 May 2025)

[Statement]

Draft decision: to take note of the statement of the delegation.

9.3. Republic of Moldova – parliamentary elections (28 September 2025)

Draft decision: to decide to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee for this purpose and to decide on its composition.

9.4. Schedule of the elections in 2025

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Draft decision: to take note of the revised calendar.

9.5. Guidelines for the observation of elections by the Parliamentary Assembly

[Guidelines]

Draft decision: to approve the revised guidelines, subject to ratification via the Progress report.

10. Other business

Items possibly to be dealt with without debate:

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| 11. | <p>[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]</p> <p>Draft decision: to approve the lists of members.</p> |
| 12. | <p>2025 Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment
[Press statement]</p> <p>Draft decision: to take note of the list of the three candidates shortlisted.</p> |
| 13. | <p>2025 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-7 November)
[Concept note]</p> <p>Draft decision: to take note of the concept paper and to decide to set up an <i>ad hoc</i> committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum.</p> |
| 14. | <p>[Possibly] Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris
[AS/Bur (2025) ...]</p> <p>Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document.</p> |
| 15. | <p>Václav Havel Human Rights Prize</p> <p>Draft decision: to take note of the prolongation, until 30 June 2025 of the deadline to submit candidatures to the 2025 edition of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.</p> |
| 16. | <p>Date and place of next meetings</p> <p>Monday 23 June 2025, 8 h 00, Strasbourg (part session);
Friday 27 June 2025, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part-session);
Friday 5 September 2025, 9 h 30, Paris.</p> |