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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Synopsis

of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 28 September to 1 October 2026

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 28 September to 1 October 2026, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair.

Monday 28 September 2026, from 3pm to 3.30pm, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Debate** under urgent procedure on **Repression and targeted attacks on LGBTI persons and defenders in Türkiye**: appointed Mr Sam Rushworth (United Kingdom, SOC) as Rapporteur subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline.

Tuesday 29 September 2026, from 2.45pm to 3.30pm, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Debate** under urgent procedure on **Repression and targeted attacks on LGBTI persons and defenders in Türkiye** (*Rapporteur: Mr Sam Rushworth (United Kingdom, SOC)*): adopted a draft resolution as amended.

Wednesday 30 September 2026, from 2pm to 3.30pm, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Preventing and combating vicarious violence as a form of gender-based violence against women** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC); Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD)*): considered an introductory memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Ms María Guijarro Ceballos, State Secretary for Equality and for the Eradication of Violence against Women, Ministry of Equality, Spain
  - Ms Shazia Choudhry, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford
  - Ms Santy Montemayor, member of the Chamber of Deputies, Congress of the Union, Mexico

- **Equal share of unpaid care work between women and men: a pre-condition to achieving gender equality** (*Rapporteur: Ms Wanda Nowicka (Poland, SOC*)): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Brussels (6-7 July 2026);
- **Work programme**: took note of the work programme;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for reports**:
  - appointed by acclamation Ms Iris Luarasi (Albania, SOC) as Rapporteur for report on *Preventing and combating femicides in Europe* subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
  - appointed by acclamation Ms Catia Polidori (Italy, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur for report on *Access to support services, protection and assistance for all women victims of violence: from principles to reality on the ground* subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
  - and, following a vote, appointed Mr Dominik Oberhofer (Austria, ALDE) as Rapporteur for report on *Hate crimes, intolerance and discrimination against Christians in Europe* subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs for opinion**: appointed by acclamation:
  - Ms Lucia Plaváková (Slovak Republic, ALDE) as Rapporteur for opinion on *Fictional justice under occupation: a pseudo-legal system as an instrument of repression* subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
  - Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur for opinion on *Securing refugee and migrant women's economic future in Europe – from fair work to funded entrepreneurship* subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
- **Appointment of a General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance**: appointed by acclamation Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC) for the renewal of his mandate.

Thursday 1 October 2026, from 8.30am to 10am, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Debate** under urgent procedure on **Repression and targeted attacks on LGBTI persons and defenders in Türkiye** *(Rapporteur: Mr Sam Rushworth (United Kingdom, SOC)):* took a position on five amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Activities of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe and the General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers**: heard statements by the General Rapporteurs on violence against women and on the rights of LGBTI persons;
- **The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD); Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, ALDE)*)*:* considered a preliminary draft report and held a joint hearing with the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation with the participation of:
  - Mr Ahmad Reshad Jalali, Senior Policy Officer at the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
  - Ms Lailuma Sadid, Former Afghan Diplomat, Journalist and President of the Network of Afghanistan Diaspora Organisations in Europe (NADOE)
  - Mr Thomas Bombois, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg**, 2-3 November 2026: appointed no additional representatives to the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2-3 November 2026) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **Composition of sub-committees**: noted that there were no modifications in the composition of the sub-committees;
- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
    - Madrid, 5 and 6 November 2026, conference of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence;
    - Paris, 30 November 2026 (Council of Europe office).

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The Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September 2026, from 1pm to 2pm, with Ms Kate Osborne (United Kingdom, SOC), Co-ordinator of the Platform, in the Chair, as regards:

– **Addressing the political instrumentalisation of LGBTI rights in Europe**: held an exchange of views, with the participation of:
    - Luca Dudits, Advocacy Officer, ILGA-Europe
    - Kerem Dikmen, Human Rights Program Coordinator, Kaos GL, Türkiye
    - Stana Iliev, Advocacy Officer, LSVD+, Germany.

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