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To the members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 13 May 2025

The **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, meeting in Paris on 13 May 2025, with Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, ECPA), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine** (*rapporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **Statutory opinion on the Draft Protocol amending the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism** (*rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft opinion as amended;
- **Statutory opinion on the Draft Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters** (*rapporteur: Mr Vladimir Vardanyan, Armenia, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft opinion;
- **Proceeds of the crime denounced by Sergei Magnitsky found in Switzerland must not be returned to the presumed perpetrators** (*rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko, Ukraine, ALDE*): heard an oral report from the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Bern on 6 March 2025, and considered a draft report;
- **Fighting back against transnational repression** (*rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efsthathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Stephen Reimer, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute and Adjunct Professor with the Paris School of International Affairs within SciencesPo Paris;
 - Mr Alex Tinsley, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, member of Lawyers Against Transnational Repression;
 - Ms Saipira Furstenberg, Independent Research Consultant (*online*);
- **Work programme:**
 - **Appointment of a rapporteur:** following a vote, appointed Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on "Regulating foreign influence: best practices and European standards" and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Call for rapporteurs for report:** made a call for rapporteurs to be appointed at the next meeting on:
 - "The need to modernise the International Humanitarian Law",
 - "Use of artificial intelligence by parliaments: risks and opportunities",

- “Threats to the International Criminal Court”,
- “Safeguarding human rights in the artificial intelligence-driven public sector”,
- “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”,

and took note of the reference “Ensuring lawful and ethical use of artificial intelligence in warfare”, to be taken into account in the framework of the report “The need to modernise the International Humanitarian Law”;

- ***Invitation to hold a meeting of the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights in Warsaw, 13-14 October 2025***: took note of and welcomed the invitation of the Polish delegation and agreed to hold the meeting of the sub-committee in Warsaw on 13-14 October 2025 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau and the availability of funds);
- ***Composition of the Sub-Committees***: approved the changes as follows:
 - *Sub-Committee on Human Rights*: Ms Oana Murariu (ALDE) as alternate of Mr Titus Corlăţean;
 - *Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights*: Mr Sebastian Răducanu (SOC) as alternate of Mr Cristian-Augustin Niculescu-Țâgârlaş;
 - *Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*: Mr Robert Marius Cazanciuc (SOC) as alternate of Mr Titus Corlăţean”;
- ***Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the committee***: considered the replies from the Committee of Ministers to the following recommendations:
 - Recommendation 2281 (2024) “Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress”,
 - Recommendation 2257 (2023) “Transnational repression as a growing threat to the rule of law and human rights”;
- ***Reporting back on participation in meetings***: heard Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC) about his participation in the 142nd Plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Venice, 14-15 March 2025;
- ***Next meetings***: took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - during the Assembly’s 3rd part-session of 2025 (23-27 June 2025)
 - 8 September 2025, Paris Office
 - during the Assembly’s 4th part-session of 2025 (29th September - 3 October 2025)
 - 10 December 2025, Paris Office (t.b.c.)

Sub-committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights:

- 13-14 October 2025, Warsaw (subject to approval by the Bureau and the availability of funds)

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