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

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Paris on 9 September 2026

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Paris on 9 September 2026, with Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***How to ensure that the Russian Federation implements the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, including paying the compensation awarded*** (*rapporteur: Mr Tony Vaughan, United Kingdom, SOC*): agreed to change the title of the report to “How to ensure the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the Russian Federation, including payment of the compensation awarded”; considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;
- ***Threats to the International Criminal Court*** (*rapporteur: Mr Tekke Panman, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended; decided to propose that the First Vice-President of the ICC, Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala, be invited to address the Assembly during its debate on this report;
- ***Growing threats to media pluralism and to the independence of the media*** (*rapporteur for opinion: Ms Gala Veldhoen, Netherlands, SOC*): considered and approved an opinion to the report tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media (*rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*), as amended;
- ***Convicted war criminal Ratko Mladić should not be glorified***: considered and unanimously adopted a [declaration](#);
- ***Justice delayed: the unfinished implementation of the Daphne Caruana Galizia case*** (*rapporteur: Baroness Shami Chakrabarti, United Kingdom, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Matthew Caruana Galizia, son of Daphne Caruana Galizia, and Ms Corinne Vella, sister of Daphne Caruana Galizia;
- ***Towards a United Nations Convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity***: considered and unanimously adopted a motion for a resolution; held a hearing, with the participation of Dr Christine A. Ryan, Director of the Reproductive Freedom Project and the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity Project, Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School (*online*), and Ms Alina Orosan, Director General for Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania;
- ***Strengthening safeguards against the misuse of dual-use goods by authoritarian regimes*** (*rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to London, subject to the availability of funds;
- ***Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*** (*rapporteur: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, followed by an exchange of views;

- **General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers** (*Ms Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen, Finland, SOC*): heard a statement by the General Rapporteur;
- **Work programme**
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs for report:** appointed as follows:
 - Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), by acclamation, as rapporteur on “Human rights challenges in the North Caucasus”, subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
 - Ms Azadeh Rojhan (Sweden, SOC), by acclamation, as rapporteur on “Reported cases of political prisoners in Europe”, subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
 - **Call for candidates for report:** made a call for rapporteurs, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - Fictional justice under occupation: a pseudo-legal system as an instrument of repression;
 - Protecting human rights defenders and independent journalists in Azerbaijan;
 - **Call for candidates for opinion:** made a call for rapporteurs for opinion, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - Council of Europe action to protect the human rights of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees / The Parliamentary Assembly has to play an active role in the process launched by the Secretary General concerning migration, human rights and security (single report);
 - End Israel’s unlawful detention of Palestinian children;
 - **Reference for consultation**
 - “Sarajevo safari”: the need to combat impunity for transnational war crimes: held an exchange of views and agreed to reconsider this item at its next meeting;
- **Parliamentary Network to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights:** heard a statement by Mr Adam Bodnar (Poland, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Network;
- **Respect for the confidentiality of Assembly documents:** took note of the letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities;
- **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Anticipation Summit 2026** (*Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 October 2026*): appointed Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC) to sit on the *ad hoc* committee and invited members to inform the secretariat of their interest;
- **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy 2026** (*Strasbourg, 2–3 November 2026*): appointed Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE) and Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) to sit on the *ad hoc* committee;

- **Reporting back on participation in meetings:** heard statements from:
 - Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) and Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR) about their participation in the 9th World Congress against the Death Penalty, Paris, 30 June to 2 July 2026;
 - Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE) about his participation in the 104th meeting of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Strasbourg, 2 July 2026;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - during the Assembly's fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026)
 - 9 December 2026, Paris Office

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 - during the Assembly's fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026)
 - 13 November 2026, The Hague

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