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

Synopsis of the meetings held in London on 1 and 2 December 2025

The **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**, meeting in London on 1 December 2025, with Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, ECPA), Chairperson, in the Chair, with the participation of Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, as regards:

- **Welcome addresses:** heard welcome addresses from the Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Senior Deputy Speaker, House of Lords, Parliament of the United Kingdom, and from Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- **Exchange of views with Rt Hon David Lammy MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, United Kingdom:** heard a statement from the Deputy Prime Minister, followed by an exchange of views;
- **The European Convention on Human Rights: rising to the challenges of our times:** held an exchange of views with Mr Tim Eicke KC, Essex Court Chambers, London, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the United Kingdom (2016-2025);
- **Exchange of views with members of the House of Lords Constitution Committee, United Kingdom:** held an exchange of views with Lord Burnett of Maldon and Lord Griffiths of Burry Port;
- **Exchange of views with members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights of the Parliament of the United Kingdom:**
 - i. **Fighting back against transnational repression**
 - ii. **Safeguarding human rights in the artificial intelligence-driven public sector**held an exchange of views with Mr Alex Sobel MP and Lord Murray of Blidworth;
- **Exchange of views with Mr Alan Mitchell, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment:** held an exchange of views;
- **Regulating foreign influence: best practices and European standards** (rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **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): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to the rapporteur's request to declassify it;
- **Use of artificial intelligence by parliaments: risks and opportunities** (rapporteur: Mr Daniel Milewski, Poland, ECPA): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Towards the universal abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances:** adopted a motion for a resolution to be tabled on behalf of the committee;

- **Accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine** (*rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe** (*rapporteur: Ms Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen, Finland, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, took note that the rapporteur had made a [statement](#), and agreed to hold a hearing with experts jointly with the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistle-blowers, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Threats to the International Criminal Court** (*rapporteur: Mr Tekke Panman, Netherlands, EPP/CD*): authorised the rapporteur to conduct a second fact-finding visit to the ICC in The Hague, subject to the availability of funds;
- **Work programme:**
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed, by acclamation:
 - Baroness Shami Chakrabarti (United Kingdom, SOC) as rapporteur on “Justice delayed: the unfinished implementation of the Daphne Caruana Galizia case”;
 - Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) as rapporteur on “European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond”;and heard from them declarations of absence of conflict of interest;
 - **Consultation:**
 - considered the motion for a recommendation on “The European Prisons Charter” transmitted to the committee by the Bureau for consultation, and agreed to propose to the Bureau that no follow-up be given;
 - **Information:**
 - took note of the motion for a resolution on “Concerns regarding democratic representation following the 2025 Bundestag elections in Germany” transmitted to the committee by the Bureau for information;
 - **Reference:**
 - held an exchange of views on the motion for a resolution on “Ensuring accountability for the downing of Azerbaijan Airlines flight 8243 and preventing risks of military targeting of civil aircrafts” and, in the light of the latest developments related to this matter, agreed to come back to this issue at a future meeting;
- **Reporting back on participation in meetings:** heard statements from:
 - Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) about his participation in the 84th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (CDE), Venice, 8 October 2025;
 - Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC) about her participation in the event on the death penalty organised by the Moroccan *Conseil National des Droits de l'Homme*, Rabat, 10 October 2025;

— **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:

- during the Assembly's first part-session of 2026 (26-30 January 2026)
- 16 March 2026, Paris Office
- during the Assembly's second part-session of 2026 (20-24 April 2026)
- 18 May 2026, Paris Office (tbc)
- during the Assembly's third part-session of 2026 (22-26 June 2026)
- 9 September 2026, Paris Office (tbc)
- during the Assembly's fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026)
- 9 December 2026, Paris Office (tbc)

Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

- 2 December 2025 (morning), London

The **Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights**, meeting in London on 2 December 2025, with Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, with the participation of Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, 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*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Rupert Skilbeck, Director of REDRESS, London, and Mr Toby Collis, lawyer, European Human Rights Advocacy Centre, London;
- ***Promoting democratic security through the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights***: held a hearing with the participation of Dr Adam Bodnar, Polish Senator, former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Poland, and former Polish Commissioner for Human Rights, and Ms Veronika Fikfak, Professor of Human Rights and International Law, University College London School of Public Policy, London;
- ***Parliamentary supervision of the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: best practices***: held an exchange of views with Mr Rob Linham, Deputy Director, Rights and Public Law, Ministry of Justice, United Kingdom, and Mr Alex Sobel MP and Lord Murray of Blidworth, Members of the Joint Committee on Human Rights of the Parliament of the United Kingdom;
- ***Draft terms of reference for the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights***: considered the draft terms of reference and agreed that they be transmitted to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

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