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

Synopsis
of the meetings held in Strasbourg on 29 and 30 September 2026

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 and 30 September 2026, first with Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), Chairperson, then with Ms Wanda Nowicka (Poland, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights, and Mr Tony Vaughan (United Kingdom, SOC), Second Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 2pm**, as regards:

– ***How to ensure the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the Russian Federation, including payment of the compensation awarded*** *(rapporteur: Mr Tony Vaughan, United Kingdom, SOC)*: considered and unanimously approved an amendment to the draft recommendation, proposed by the rapporteur, and agreed to table it as a committee amendment under Rule 34.1;

– ***Improving the selection and election procedure of CPT members*** *(rapporteur: Ms Octavie Modert, Luxembourg, EPP/CD)*: considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;

– ***Accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine*** *(rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC)*: held an exchange of views with Ambassador Aino Leppik Von Wirén, Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe, President of the Working Party on the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine (GT-TRIBUNAL) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;

– ***Justice delayed: the unfinished implementation of the Daphne Caruana Galizia case*** *(rapporteur: Baroness Shami Chakrabarti, United Kingdom, SOC)*: heard a statement on behalf of the rapporteur, followed by an exchange of views, and took note of the rapporteur's intention to send a letter to the Chairperson of the Maltese delegation requesting information from the Maltese authorities ahead of her fact-finding visit to Malta;

– ***Sub-Committee on Human Rights***: considered the future work programme of the sub-committee and instructed the secretariat to prepare revised terms of reference for the committee's consideration; agreed to hold a meeting of the sub-committee in Geneva on 15 March 2027 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly);

– ***Work programme***:

- ***Appointment of rapporteurs for report***: appointed, by acclamation,

  - Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) as rapporteur on "Fictional justice under occupation: a pseudo-legal system as an instrument of repression" subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;

- Mr Ivan Račan (Croatia, SOC) as rapporteur on “Protecting human rights defenders and independent journalists in Azerbaijan”, subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;

- ***Reference for consultation***:

  - “Sarajevo safari”: the need to combat impunity for transnational war crimes”: held an exchange of views and agreed to come back to this item at its next meeting;

- **on Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 2pm**, as regards:

— ***How to ensure the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the Russian Federation, including payment of the compensation awarded*** *(Rapporteur: Mr Tony Vaughan, United Kingdom, SOC)*: took position on eight amendments and three sub-amendments tabled to the draft resolution and three amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;

— ***Threats to the International Criminal Court*** *(rapporteur: Mr Tekke Panman, Netherlands, EPP/CD)*: took position on five amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

— ***Work programme***:

- ***Appointment of rapporteurs for opinion***: appointed:

  - by acclamation, Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for opinion 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), subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;

  - following a vote, Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR) as rapporteur for opinion on “End Israel’s unlawful detention of Palestinian children”, 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:

  - “Restitution of the Romanian Treasure withheld by the Russian Federation”;

  - “Towards a United Nations Convention on the prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity”;

— ***General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty****:* re-appointed, by acclamation, Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC) as General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty for a second term of office (first term: appointed on 2 October 2024);

— ***General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers***: heard a statement by the General Rapporteur on recent cases concerning Türkiye, followed by an exchange of views;

— ***Safeguarding human rights in the artificial intelligence-driven public sector*** *(rapporteur: Ms Gala Veldhoen, Netherlands, SOC)*: 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)*: authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy, subject to the availability of funds;

— ***Authorisations by the committee:*** authorised Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), in his capacity as rapporteur on “Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”, and Mr Tony Vaughan (United Kingdom, SOC), in his capacity as rapporteur on “How to ensure the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the Russian Federation, including payment of the compensation awarded”, to participate in an expert roundtable, “Enforcement of European Court of Human Rights Just Satisfaction Awards against Russia: Exploring Legal Pathways and Institutional Solutions”, to be held at the CEELI Institute in Prague on 10-11 November 2026, at no cost to the Assembly;

— ***Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy 2026*** *(Strasbourg, 2–3 November 2026)*: invited members to inform the secretariat of their interest;

— **Changes in the composition of the sub-committees**: approved the following change:

- Ms Irene Charalambides (Cyprus, ALDE) as member of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights;

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

- 9 December 2026, Paris Office;

Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

- 13 November 2026, The Hague.

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The Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 30 September 2026 at 1pm, with Mr Adam Bodnar (Poland, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

— ***Recent developments in the case of Osman Kavala***: held a hearing with the participation of Ms Ayşe Buğra Kavala, Professor at Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University, wife of Mr Osman Kavala; Mr Philip Leach, Professor of Human Rights Law at Middlesex University in London, Counsel for Mr Osman Kavala before the European Court of Human Rights;

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

- 13 November 2026, the Hague

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