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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised 4 draft agenda

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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

- ~~**Monday 23 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 (room 9)**~~
- ~~**Tuesday 24 June 2025, 08:30 – 10:00 (room 9)**~~
- ~~**Tuesday 24 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:30 (room 9) *Hearing on Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence***~~
- **Wednesday 25 June 2025, 14:00 – 16:00 (room 9)**
- **Thursday 26 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 (room 9)**

Please also take note of the following meetings:

- ~~Sub-committee on External Relations, Monday 23 June 2025, 14:10 – 14:15 (room 9)~~
- ~~Sub-committee on the Western Balkans, Monday 23 June 2025, 14:15 – 15:00 (room 9)~~

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1. **Agenda**
   [AS/Pol (2025) OJ 05 rev4]

   Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**
   [AS/Pol (2025) PV 04]

   Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Chania, Greece, on 26-27 May 2025

3. **Debate under urgent procedure on Global peace under threat: halting the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and addressing the wider conflict in the Middle-East**

   Appointment of a rapporteur

~~**14:10 – 14:15: meeting of the sub-committee on External Relations**~~[1]
~~**14:15 – 15:00: meeting of the sub-committee on the Western Balkans**~~[1]

[1] See separate agenda.

~~Tuesday 24 June 2025, 08:30 – 10:00~~

4. Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war
Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)
[Doc. 16197; Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 23 June 2025, 16:00
Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 24 June 2025, morning sitting

5. Middle East: recent developments

Hearing with the online participation of Mr Stefano Sannino, Director-General, Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa, Gulf (DG MENA), European Commission

6. Debate under urgent procedure on Global peace under threat: halting the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and addressing the wider conflict in the Middle-East
Rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD)
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Adoption of a draft resolution

7. Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine
Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

Statement by the rapporteur

8. Work programme

8.1. Call for candidates for the Institutional representation of the Committee

- Substitute Member, Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)

8.2. Call for candidates for rapporteurs

- The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power (Doc. 16178)

- Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies (Doc. 16062)

8.3. Call for candidates

- Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2025)

- Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on "Democracy at risk : how can we revive it?" (Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025)

- Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence (London, 15-16 December 2025)

~~Tuesday 24 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:30~~

9. Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence
Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Courtney Bowman, Global Director of Privacy & Civil Liberties Engineering, Palantir
- Ms Audrey Herblin-Stoop, Vice-President and Head of Global Public Affairs and Communication, Mistral AI (online)
- Ms Julie Lavet, Head of Policy and Partnerships for Europe, OpenAI
- Mr Ben Nimmo, Principal Threat Investigator, OpenAI (online)

Wednesday 25 June 2025, 14:00 – 16:00

10. Debate under urgent procedure on Global peace under threat: halting the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and addressing the wider conflict in the Middle-East
Rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD)
[Doc. ….; Amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 24 June 2025, 18:00
Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 25 June 2025, afternoon sitting

11. Call for Varosha's return to its lawful inhabitants
Rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)
[Resolution 2563 (2024)]

Statement by the rapporteur for follow-up

Thursday 26 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:00

12. The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms
Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, ECPA)
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Exchange of views with the participation of:

- Mr Yevgeniy Kochetov, Vice Minister of Culture and Information, and the presence of Mr Kairgeldy Sakenov, Deputy Head of the Service for the Protection of Public Interests at the Prosecutor General's Office; Mr Zhanbolat Tuganbayev, Deputy Head of the Service for Supervision of the Legality of Sentences Entered into Legal Force and Execution at the Prosecutor General's Office; and Mr Yeldos Kilymzhanov, Deputy Head of the Service for Supervision of the Legality of Pre-trial Investigation and Criminal Prosecution at the Prosecutor General's Office

Statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan on 3-6 May 2025

Consideration of introductory memorandum

13. Russian democratic forces
Rapporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE)
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Consideration of a draft report

14. Elections in times of crisis
Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)
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Statement by the rapporteur

15. Political parties and democracy
Rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD)
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Statement by the rapporteur

16. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy
Rapporteur: Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA)
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

17. Work programme
[AS/Pol (2025) WP 05; AS/Pol/Inf (2025) 01rev]

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18. Sub-committees

18.1. Composition
[Lists]

Approval of the changes

19. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025: extension of the call for nominations
[Prize website]

20. Reporting back by committee representatives to external events

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE), online, 6 June 2025

- “Democracy’s Firewall Hackathon” of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 20 June 2025

21. Authorisations by the committee

Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), in his capacity of General Rapporteur on Democracy, to participate to the AI for Good Global Summit 2025, in Geneva (Switzerland), 8-11 July 2025 (at no cost for the Assembly)

22. Other business

23. Next meetings

- Wednesday 10 September 2025, Paris
- October part-session (29 September-3 October 2025), Strasbourg
- Thursday 11 December 2025, Paris.