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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised 3 draft agenda

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of the meeting to be held in Chania, Greece, on:

Monday, 26 May 2025 from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 17:30

Tuesday, 27 May 2025 from 09:30 to 13:00

**Venue: Avra Imperial Hotel, Kolymvari 730 06, Greece
(room Maestro)**

Monday, 26 May 2025

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Welcome addresses by:

- Mr Nikitas Kaklamanis, President of the Hellenic Parliament
- Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Ms Dora Bakoyannis, Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly

3. Exchange of views with Mr George Gerapetritis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

4. Minutes

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Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg during the second part-session 2025

5. Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war

Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a preliminary draft resolution

6. Political parties and democracy [at 2 pm]

Rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD)

Hearing with the online participation of Mr Thomas Poguntke, Chair of Comparative Politics & Director of the Düsseldorf Party Research Institute (PRUF)

7. Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

Statement by the rapporteur

8. Exchange of views with Ms Maria Telalian, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) [at 3:00 pm]

9. Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies [at 4:00 pm]

Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL)

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Hearing with the online participation of Ms Irene Khan, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Consideration of an outline report

10. Work programme

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10.1. Declaration of interests

- Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC), Youth Rapporteur
- Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) rapporteur on "Role of the Parliamentary Assembly and National Parliaments in implementing the outcome of the 2024 Summit for the Future"

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11. Elections in times of crisis

Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

12. Situation in the Middle East [at 10:00 am]

Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

Hearing with the participation of Professor Kostas Ifantis, Director of the Institute of International Relations (IDIS)

Statement by the rapporteur

13. General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces [at 11:00 am]

General Rapporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE)

Hearing with the online participation of Mr Gennadi Gudkov, Free Russia Forum, and Ms Anastasia Shevchenko, Russian Anti-War Committee

14. A closer cooperation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the United States Congress

Rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC)

Statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Washington on 12 and 13 March 2025

15. Reporting back on participation in meetings

82nd Meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections in Venice, Italy, on 13 March 2025: Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC)

16. Replies by the Committee of Ministers

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers reply to [Recommendation 2271 \(2024\)](#) “Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine” ([Doc. 16167](#))

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers reply to [Recommendation 2259 \(2023\)](#) “The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace” ([Doc. 15821](#))

17. Work programme

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17.1. Requests for extensions of references

- Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly’s relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council (*Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL*)
- The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms (*Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA*)
- Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic (*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*)

18. Authorisations by the Committee

Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), in her capacity of rapporteur on “Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention”, to participate in the Democracy’s Firewall Hackathon of the Council of Europe, on 20 June 2025 in Strasbourg (subject to the availability of funds)

Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), in her capacity of rapporteur on “The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)”, to participate in a bilateral meeting with OECD Secretary General, in Paris, on 1st July 2025, at no cost to the Assembly

19. Other business

20. Next meetings

- June part-session (23-27 June 2025), Strasbourg
- Wednesday 10 September 2025, Paris
- October part-session (29 September-3 October 2025), Strasbourg
- Thursday 11 December 2025, Paris.