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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1455th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies^{*} (1 February 2023)

^{*} This document covers the activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 23 January 2023 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 2 March 2023 (The Hague).

I. First part of the Ordinary Session of 2023 (23 - 27 January 2023)

A. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

Two key texts dealing with the consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine were adopted during the first part-session of 2023 of the Parliamentary Assembly:

Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

In [Resolution 2482\(2023\)](#) based on a report by Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), the Assembly unanimously demanded the setting up of a special international criminal tribunal to prosecute Russian and Belarusian political and military leaders who planned, prepared, initiated or executed Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine. The Assembly stressed that such a tribunal should be endorsed and supported by as many states and international organisations as possible, and in particular by the United Nations General Assembly.

The Assembly also added that the Russian Federation should make reparation for the injuries and losses caused by its wrongful acts. Parliamentarians therefore called for an international compensation mechanism for Ukraine, open to all like-minded states, including as a first step an international register of damage and later a commission to adjudicate claims and a compensation fund.

The debate was opened by the address of Ms Oleksandra Matviichuk, the head of Ukrainian human rights NGO Center for Civil Liberties, which was awarded the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.

Conflict-related sexual violence

[Resolution 2476\(2023\)](#) paid particular attention to the situation in Ukraine. The Assembly recognised that the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine led to mass conflict-related sexual violence committed by the Russian Federation's armed forces and by affiliated armed groups against the civilian population of Ukraine and Ukrainian prisoners of war. Among other key recommendations, it urged member States to:

- ensure that solid and safe procedures for reporting sexual violence are in place in peacetime, following the provisions of the Istanbul Convention, in order for these to be operational when applied to sexual violence in conflict-related situations;
- make sure that survivors of sexual violence are offered safe spaces for exchanging on their experiences, that witnesses are given adequate protection, that the different services involved in evidence collection use technological means admissible in courts to record evidence and are co-ordinated in order to avoiding obliging witnesses to repeat testimonies, thus avoiding re-traumatisation;
- support, including financially, the development of electronic tools for survivors to record evidence of gender-based violence themselves, in particular during conflict, for instance the "Backup" application developed and piloted by the We Are NOT Weapons Of War NGO;
- ensure that the police are trained and habilitated to receive evidence at local levels, without requiring higher levels of police and jurisdictional intervention at the first stages of judicial procedures.

B. Assembly's contribution to the Reykjavik Summit

On 24 January 2023, approving [Recommendation 2245\(2023\)](#) based on a report by Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), the Assembly set out its proposals for the Reykjavik Summit of Heads of State and Government from the 46 Council of Europe States to be held on 16-17 May. Pointing out that Europe currently faced extraordinary challenges, the Assembly called on governments, among other things, to:

- reaffirm the Council of Europe's role as a beacon for human rights, democracy and the rule of law, and as a community of values with a pan-European vocation;
- show unwavering support for Ukraine and play an active and leading role in creating an ad hoc tribunal to prosecute Russia's political and military leadership for the crime of aggression, as well as supporting an international compensation mechanism;
- strengthen the impact of the Council of Europe's work on democracy, including by creating a democracy checklist for states and establishing a Council of Europe Commissioner for Democracy and the Rule of Law;
- put the interests, concerns and expectations of people back at the forefront of the Council of Europe's work, and mainstream a youth perspective in all its activities;

- take the lead on environmental protection and tackling climate change, and support a framework to guarantee the right to clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

On 26 January 2023, the Joint Committee held an exchange of views on the Reykjavik Summit, with the participation of the Prime Minister of Iceland, Ms Katrin Jakobsdóttir.

The Assembly, and in particular the rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, will continue to follow the matter, to work closely with the Icelandic Presidency, and to make its calls and proposals better heard in the months leading up to the Summit. The Assembly will hold an extraordinary meeting of the Standing Committee in Reykjavik, on 15 May 2023, on the eve of the Summit, in order to provide a parliamentary dimension to the Summit

C. Election of the President of the Assembly

Two candidatures for the post of President of the Assembly were received, respectively, Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) and Mr Oleksandr Merezhko (Ukraine, EC/DA). On 23 January 2023, as a result of a secret ballot, Mr Tiny Kox was re-elected President of the Assembly for the 2023 Ordinary Session. He shall remain in office until the opening of the next Ordinary Session.

D. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

On 23 January 2023, the Assembly elected its Vice-Presidents (Appendix 1).

E. Election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committees of the Assembly

The Assembly Committees elected their Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons (Appendix 2).

F. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

On 24 January 2023, the Assembly elected Ms Anne Louise Haahr Bormann and Ms Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir as judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Denmark and Iceland.

G. Personalities

The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- Ms Annalena BAERBOCK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany
- Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Ms Oleksandra MATVIICHUK, Head of the Center for Civil Liberties, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate
(in the framework of the debate on the Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine)
- Ms Katrín JAKOBSDÓTTIR, Prime Minister of Iceland

Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

H. Current affairs debates and debate under urgent procedure

The Assembly held two current affairs debate on *Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade* and on *Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor*.

The Assembly also held a debate under urgent procedure on *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*.

I. Media coverage

The Winter Session 2023 of the Parliamentary Assembly generated considerable media coverage, with 78 journalists present in Strasbourg to report on it, and around 275 articles (provisional figures) appearing in the international press. The spread of the session's coverage and its geographic distribution largely corresponded to the highlights of the session, with its bulk coming from Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Germany.

The best covered item on the plenary's agenda was the address by German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock. Her speech was widely quoted, in particular in the German press, with a further wave of articles published in Germany and several other countries focusing on reactions to her comments on the ongoing war against Ukraine (AFP, Reuters, Euronews, The Guardian, Yahoo News, Newsweek, DW, Die Weltwoche, Bild, TAZ, ANSA, NZZ International, Kommersant, VG.hu, Mandiner, The Budapest Times, HINA, NTB, etc.).

The debate under urgent procedure on legal and human rights aspects of Russia's aggression against Ukraine was also in the headlines. The Associated Press highlighted the statement by Oleksandra Matviichuk, the head of Ukrainian human rights NGO Center for Civil Liberties and the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate (Associated Press, AFP, SDA/ATS, Lusa, BNS, UNIAN, Ukrinform, UNN, Liga.net, Evropeyskaya Pravda, Slovo i dilo, Ukrinform, TSN, Ukrinform, etc.).

The election of the President of the Assembly and of its Vice-presidents and Committee chairpersons, as well as the current affairs debates on the recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade and on the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor were also largely covered regionally.

As regards the Assembly's social media output, there were around 272,000 impressions on Twitter, a total reach of around 27,000 on Facebook, and about 7,000 views on the YouTube channel, amounting to just over 500 hours of "watch time". The Assembly's unanimous demand for a special tribunal to try Russian and Belarusian leaders for aggression had the most impact, accounting for the top four tweets. The 'Red Dress project' also featured well on Facebook. On YouTube, German Foreign Minister Baerbock's speech on Tuesday took top spot, followed by the debate on the Latchin corridor on Thursday, driven in part by a number of Armenian news websites which embedded the livestream.

Twelve interviews with parliamentarians were produced by the MediaBox and subsequently published on the PACE website and social media supports.

J. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

Recommendations

Recommendation 2244 (2023)	Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe (Doc. 15591)
Recommendation 2245 (2023)	The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges (Doc. 15681)
Recommendation 2246 (2023)	Environmental impact of armed conflicts (Doc. 15674)
Recommendation 2247 (2023)	The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges (Doc. 15673)

Resolutions

Resolution 2475 (2023)	Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe (Doc. 15591)
Resolution 2476 (2023)	Conflict-related sexual violence (Doc. 15677)
Resolution 2477 (2023)	Environmental impact of armed conflicts (Doc. 15674)
Resolution 2478 (2023)	Contact tracing applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges (Doc. 15648)
Resolution 2479 (2023)	The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges (Doc. 15673)
Resolution 2480 (2023)	The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls (Doc. 15678)
Resolution 2481 (2023)	Finding solutions for marital captivity (Doc. 15679)
Resolution 2482 (2023)	Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine (Doc. 15689)
Resolution 2483 (2023)	The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022) (Doc. 15682)
Resolution 2484 (2023)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova (Doc. 15680)
Resolution 2485 (2023)	Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law (Doc. 15683)
Resolution 2486 (2023)	Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN) (Doc. 15675)

These texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

II. Hearings and exchanges of views organised during the part-session

Tuesday 24 January 2023	
2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<p>► Exchange of views on “Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Kristina Rikhter, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya's Advisor on legal affairs • Mr Valdzis Fuhaš, human rights organization "Human Constanta"
2.30 – 3.30 pm Room 2, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development	<p>► Public Hearing on “Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anna Knobbout, member of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) of the Council of Europe
Wednesday 25 January 2023	
2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 2, Palais	<p>► Exchange of views on “Emerging issues and priorities of the committee for 2023”</p>

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	<p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Fakhraddin Ismayilov, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C)
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report” (Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC) concerning the chapter on Hungary, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Barna Zsigmond, Vice-Chairperson of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Mr Dávid Oravecz, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe <p>► Exchange of views</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report” (Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC) concerning the chapter on Türkiye, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Ahmet Yildiz, Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Mr Hacı Ali Açıkgül, Head of Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Ankara <p>► Exchange of views</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report” (Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC) concerning the chapter on Ukraine, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Mariia Mezentsseva (Chairperson of the Ukrainian delegation) Ms Iryna Mudra, Deputy Minister of Justice, Ukraine Ms Marharyta Sokorenko, Ministry of Justice, Ukraine
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Call for a national political reform process in Belarus”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mr Pavel Sapelka, human rights defender, Viasna Human Rights Centre <p>► Hearing on “The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Cynthia Miller-Idriss, Founding Director, Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab, American University, Professor, School of Public Affairs and School of Education, Washington, USA Mr Nicholas Potter, journalist and researcher of the far right, at the Amadeu Antonio Foundation, Berlin <p>► Hearing on “The situation in Iran”</p>

	<p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Javaid Rehman, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran • Mr Erwin van Veen, Senior research fellow, head of the Middle East research programme, Clingendael Conflict Research Unit • Ms Mina Khani, Political Analyst and Freelance Writer
<p>2.15 – 3.00 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The right to a healthy environment and local democracy”</p> <p>the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Maren Lambrecht, Secretary of the Current Affairs Committee, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities • Ms Alina Tatarenko, Head of Division, Democratic Governance, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
<p>5.00 pm – 6.30 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Division on Election Observation and Support</p>	<p>► Annual meeting on observation of elections</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly • Mr Aleksander Pociej, member of the Polish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly • Mr Damien Cottier, Chairperson of the Swiss Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly • Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly • Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission • Mr Markus Adelsbach, Head of the Elections and Participatory Democracy Division • Mr Franck Daeschler, Deputy Head of the Division, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe (DGII)
Thursday 26 January 2023	
<p>8.30 – 9.00 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Promoting equal access to justice”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Caterina Bolognese, Head of Gender Equality Division, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity (DII), Council of Europe
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Paulo Pisco (Portugal, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Oleksandra Matviichuk, Director, Centre for Civil Liberties, Ukraine, Nobel Peace Prize 2022
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mats Lindberg, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe
<p>9.00 – 9.30 am Room 6, Palais</p>	<p>► Exchange of views</p>

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	<p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Sophie Élizéon, President of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), Council of Europe
<p>9.00 – 10.00 am Room 2, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the position statement of the European Committee on Organ Transplantation of the Council of Europe (CD-P-TO) on “Risk of commodification of substances of human origin”</p> <p>in the context of a declaration for adoption by the Committee and with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Beatriz Domínguez-Gil, The National Transplant Organisation of Spain (Organización Nacional de Trasplantes – ONT)
<p>2.00 – 3.00 pm Room 2, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Public Hearing on the “Right of the child to protection while using the internet”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Uri Sadeh, Co-ordinator – Crimes against Children Unit, INTERPOL Ms Ana Balcells Cartagena, Legal and Policy Officer, DG CNECT.F.2 – Digital Services (Programme Office & Societal aspects), European Commission

III. Observation of elections

➤ **Montenegro: presidential elections (19 March 2023)**

On 23 January 2023, the Bureau took note of the invitation letter, decided to observe these elections, and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 20 members as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee. On 27 January 2023, it approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee.

➤ **Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (2 April 2023):**

On 27 January 2023, the Bureau decided, subject to receiving an invitation, to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee.

➤ **Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023, tbc):**

On 27 January 2023, the Bureau decided, subject to receiving an invitation, to observe these elections, to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 40 members as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission.

IV. Decisions taken by the Bureau (23 January and 27 January 2023)

On Monday 23 January 2023, **the Bureau of the Assembly:**

– **Communications:** held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

– **First part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January):**

Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates on:

- *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the basis of a report with the same title currently being prepared by the Committee, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- *Attacks against public service workers*, tabled by the EC/DA Group, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;

Requests for current affairs debates: took note of the requests to hold debates on:

- *Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade*, tabled by the delegation of the United Kingdom, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr John Howell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as the first speaker;
- *How to improve the Council of Europe's cooperation with civil society, as a way to strengthen and protect human rights, democracy and rule of law, including in Belarus and the Russian Federation*, tabled by the Norwegian delegation, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
- *Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor*, tabled by the Group EPP/CD, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL) as the first speaker;

Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda of the part-session;

Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the posts of judges in respect of Denmark and Iceland, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;

Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 26 January 2023): prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;

– **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (14 October 2022 to 23 January 2023):** approved the Progress report;

– **Election observation :**

- Montenegro: Presidential election (19 March 2023): subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe this election and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6 ; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;

– **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the following references and transmissions, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

Doc. 15661, Motion for a resolution, The serious problem of conflicts of interest at the European Court of Human Rights: transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for information* within the framework of the consideration of the admissibility of the petition on the same issue.

B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

Doc. 15568, Reference 4672 of 10 October 2022, The situation of Ukrainian persons forcefully displaced or transferred to the Russian Federation or Ukrainian territories under the de facto control of the Russian Federation: reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*.

C. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

Doc. 15555, Motion for a resolution, Public regulation of the freedom of expression in digital platforms: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*

D. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REFERENCES

Doc. 15274 Reference 4586 of 28 May 2021 – validity: 28 May 2023 Precarious status of cross-border and seasonal workers in Europe (new title: Precarious and irregular work situations of migrants and cross-border workers): extension until 31 December 2023.

Doc. 15130, Reference 4527 of 15 September 2020 – validity: 15 March 2023, Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus (new title: Call for a national political reform process in Belarus): extension until 15 March 2024.

Doc. 15047, Reference 4499 of 6 March 2020 – validity: 6 March 2023, Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy: extension until 6 March 2024.

Bureau decision, Reference 4494 of 31 January 2020 – validity: 31 January 2023, Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?: extension until 31 January 2024.

– **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2023**: took note of the list of candidates for Vice-Presidents of the Assembly;

– **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**: on the basis of proposals by the political groups, nominated members of these three committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification;

– **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus**: took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the "elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community" entitled to sit in the Assembly in 2023, namely Mr Armağan Candan and Mr Özdemir Berova, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report;

– **Resolution 2094 (2016) on the situation in Kosovo*** and the role of the Council of Europe: took note of the letter by the President of the Assembly of Kosovo* informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the delegation of the Assembly of Kosovo* for the 2023 ordinary session, and approved the list of the delegation, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

Members:

- Ms Saranda Bogujevci, Self-Determination Movement, Head of Delegation
- Mr Arben Gashi, Democratic League of Kosovo
- Mr Enis Kervan, Parliamentary Group "Multiethnic"

Substitutes:

- Ms Ariana Musliu-Shoshi, Democratic Party of Kosovo
- Mr Besnik Tahiri, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
- Vacant seat

On Friday 27 January 2023, **the Bureau of the Assembly**, as regards:

– **Communication**: took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;

– **Follow-up to the first part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 23-27 January)**: approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly:

Recommendation 2245 (2023) on *The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges* (paragraph 25)

- ❖ **Follow up**: decided to ask the Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Ms Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), to continue to follow the matter

Debate on *Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade*

- ❖ **Follow up**: decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "The situation in Kosovo"*

Debate on *Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor*

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

Resolution 2482 (2023) on *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*

Resolution 2483 (2023) on *The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022)* (paragraphs 9 and 10)

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs – in close co-ordination with the Monitoring Committee - *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on « Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure »*

– **Election of a judge to the European Court of Human Rights**: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the Election of Judges concerning the list of candidates in respect of Poland, including its recommendation to reject the list, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the progress report;

– **Standing Committee in The Hague (2-3 March 2023)**: took note of the draft agenda;

– **Standing Committee in Reykjavik (15 May 2023)**: took note of information provided by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to hold this meeting in the two official languages of the Assembly (English and French);

– **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the following references and transmissions, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

– Doc. 15676, Motion for a resolution, Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress: reference to Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report* and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for opinion*

B. MODIFICATION OF A REFERENCE

– Doc. 15194, Reference 4555 of 25 January 2021, Health and social protection of undocumented workers: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for opinion*

C. REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

– Doc. 15628, Motion for a resolution, Preventing abuse of the right to veto in the Security Council: a perspective by the member States of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *to take into account in the preparation of the report on “The need for renewed, effective and inclusive Multilateralism”*

– Doc. 15639, Motion for a resolution, Abusive practices on depriving children from their family environment: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for information*

D. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS OF REFERENCES

– Doc. 15217, Reference 4563 of 19 March 2021 – validity: 19 March 2023, Deliberate germline editing in human beings: extension until 19 September 2023

– Doc. 15223, Reference 4565 of 19 March 2021 – validity: 19 March 2023, Taking into consideration the impact of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of minors and young adults: extension until 19 September 2023

– Doc. 15269, Reference 4583 of 28 May 2021 – validity: 28 May 2023, Preventing addictive behaviours in children: extension until 28 November 2023

– **Elections observation**

- Montenegro: Presidential election (19 March 2023): approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe this election (Appendix 3) and left it to the Presidential Committee to appoint its Chairperson;
- Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (2 April 2023): subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1) as well as the two co-Rapporteurs of the monitoring committee;
- Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023, tbc): subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe these elections, to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 40 members (SOC-12; EPP/CD-12; ALDE-7; EC/DA-7; UEL-2), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- Conference “Elections in times of crisis: challenges and opportunities” (Bern, 9-10 May 2023): decided to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 30 members (SOC-10; EPP/CD-9; ALDE-5 ; EC/DA-5 ; UEL-1) to represent the Assembly at the conference.

- Issues raised by committees:

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: took note of the updated terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people;

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: took note of the letter by the committee informing of its decision to invite representatives of the democratic political forces for Belarus to its meetings during part-sessions and asked the Secretary General of the Assembly to look into the proposal that the same representatives could attend meetings of the other committees during the session week;

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the press release of the launch of the 2023 edition of the Prize;

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (27 January to 23 April 2023):** appointed Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as rapporteur;

- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg or Paris,** authorised:

- the ad hoc sub-committee of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67), in New-York, United States, on 6 March 2023;
- the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, to hold a meeting in Sevilla, Spain, on 11-12 May 2023;
- the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, to hold a meeting in London on 1-2 June 2023.

V. Hearings in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ On 22 February 2023, in Olympia, Greece, the **Sub-committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. will hold a hearing on the theme “Cultural heritage and water”, in the context of a report on “Cultural heritage and climate change” prepared by Mr *Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR)*, with the participation of Dr. Alexandra Goulaki-Voutyra, Professor Emerita, School of Fine Arts, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Dr. Vassilis Lambrinoudakis, Professor Emeritus of Classical Archaeology at the University of Athens; Dr. Athanassios Dimas, Professor, Director of Hydraulic Engineering Laboratory, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Patras; and Dr. Petros Varelidis, Secretary General of Natural Environment and Water at the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Greece.

VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)***

Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, carried out a fact-finding visit to the OECD headquarters in Paris on **27 January 2023**.

➤ ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France***

Ms Yelisaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and **Ms Fiona O'Loughlin** (Ireland, ALDE), rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, carried out a fact-finding visit to France on **30 and 31 January 2023**.

VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

- **2 February 2023, Rabat, Morocco:** the Assembly organises in cooperation with the Parliament of Morocco, a “*seminar on the awareness of the Petition Committee of the Chamber of Representatives of the Parliament of Morocco*” in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union “*Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco*”.
- **22 February 2023, Rabat, Morocco:** the Assembly organises in cooperation with the Parliament of Morocco, a seminar entitled “*Women's Economic Empowerment*” in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union “*Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco*”.
- **27-28 February 2023, Lisbon, Portugal:** the Assembly organises in cooperation with the Parliament of Portugal, “*a study visit of the petition committee of the Moroccan parliament to the Portuguese parliament*” in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union “*Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco*”.
- **1-3 March 2023, Kehl, Germany:** the Assembly organises in cooperation with the University of Applied Administrative Sciences of Kehl, a “*seminar for the Chamber of Representatives of the Parliament of Morocco on the evaluation of laws by the parliamentary institution: The case of law 103.13 on combating violence against women*” in the framework of the joint programme with the European Union “*Support to the development of the role of the Parliament in consolidating democracy in Morocco*”.

VIII. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

- On 26 January 2023, the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) requested for a Venice Commission opinion on Ukrainian law on the “*Prevention of Threats to National Security Related to the Excessive Influence of Persons who have Significant Economic or Political Weight in Public Life*” (Reg. No. 5599) and a Venice Commission opinion on the law on national minorities.

IX. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **22 February 2023, Olympia, Greece:** *Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage*
- . **1 March 2023, The Hague:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **2 March 2023, The Hague:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **2-3 March 2023, The Hague:** *Standing Committee*

APPENDIX 1: Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly 2023

COUNTRY / PAYS	VICE-PRESIDENTS
France	Mr Bertrand BOUYX
Germany / Allemagne	Mr Armin LASCHET
Italy / Italie	Vacant seat / siège vacant
Turkey / Turquie	Mr Ahmet YILDIZ
United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr John HOWELL
Spain / Espagne	Mr Antonio GUTIÉRREZ LIMONES
Ukraine	Ms Olena KHOMENKO
Austria / Autriche	Mr Reinhold LOPATKA
Norway / Norvège	Ms Ingjerd SCHOU
Portugal	Ms Edite ESTRELA
Romania / Roumanie	Mr Ionuț-Marian STROE
Serbia / Serbie	Ms Elvira KOVÁCS
Slovak Republic / République slovaque	Ms Anna ZÁBORSKÁ
Sweden / Suède	Mr Markus WIECHEL
Switzerland / Suisse	Ms Sibel ARSLAN
Montenegro / Monténégro	Ms Maja VUKIĆEVIĆ
North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord	Mr Darko KAEVSKI
San Marino / Saint-Marin	Mr Marco NICOLINI
Slovenia / Slovénie	Ms Tamara VONTA

APPENDIX 2 : Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees

Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees Présidences et Vice-présidences de commissions

Committees / Commissions	Chairpersons / Président-e-s	Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-président-e-s	
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie 87 seats / sièges	Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary, EC/DA	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Kimmo KILJUNEN, Finland, SOC Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania, EPP/CD Maria Valentina MARTINEZ FERRO, Spain, EPP/CD
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme 86 seats / sièges	Damien COTTIER, Switzerland, ALDE	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia, EPP/CD Margreet De BOER, Netherlands, SOC Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom, EC/DA
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable 81 seats / sièges	Selin SAYEK BÖKE, Türkiye , SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Alain MILON, France, EPP/CD Olena KHOMENKO, Ukraine, EC/DA Sibel ARSLAN, Switzerland, SOC
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées 81 seats / sièges	Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, Greece, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Paul GAVAN, Ireland, UEL Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine, EC/DA Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ, Croatia, SOC
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias 81 seats / sièges	Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine, ALDE	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria, SOC Linda Hofstad HELLELAND, Norway, EPP/CD Laura CASTEL, Spain, UEL
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination 81 seats / sièges	Mariia MEZENTSEVA, Ukraine, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO, Monaco, ALDE Mai KIVELÄ, Ej land, UEL Fourat BEN CHIKHA, Belgium, SOC
Monitoring Committee / Commission de suivi 93 seats / sièges	Piero FASSINO, Italy , SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Samad SEYIDOV, Azerbaijan, EC/DA Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland, EPP/CD Erik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia, ALDE
Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs / Commission du Règlement, des immunités et des affaires institutionnelles 38 seats / sièges	Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France, EPP/CD	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Maria JUFEREVA-SKURATOVSKI, Estonia, ALDE Thórhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland, SOC Erkin GADIRLI, Azerbaijan, EC/DA
Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme 22 seats / sièges	Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania, SOC	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^{ème} 3 rd /3 ^{ème}	Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine, EPP/CD Stephanie KRISPER, Austria, ALDE Vladimir VARDANYAN, Armenia, EPP/CD

APPENDIX 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the presidential election in Montenegro (19 March 2023)

Chairperson / Président.e

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie
Ms / Mme Lise SELNES, Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Adnan DIBRANI, Sweden / Suède
Ms / Mme Margreet DE BOER, Netherlands, Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI, France
Mr / M. Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie *

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Andi CRISTEA, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Givi MIKANADZE, Georgia / Géorgie
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Zdravka BUŠIĆ, Croatia / Croatie
Ms / Mme Maria Gabriela HORGĂ, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Serhii SOBOLEV, Ukraine
...

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Octavie MODERT, Luxembourg
Mr / M. Paolo MONIZ, Portugal **
Mr / M. Davor Ivo STIER, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte
Ms / Mme Jorida TABAKU, Albania / Albanie

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /

Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Mr / M. Georges-Louis BOUCHEZ, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Jacques LE NAY, France
Ms / Mme Tamara VONTA, Slovenia/Slovénie *
Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
Ms / Mme Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse AS/Bur (2023) CB 02

European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC-DA) /

Groupe des Conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE-AD)

Lord David BLENKATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. Simone BILLI, Italy / Italie *

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Antón GÓMEZ-REINO, Spain / Espagne * **

Substitutes / suppléant.e.s

Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/MON (ex officio)

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland, Suisse **
Mr / M. Nicos TORNARITIS, Cyprus, Chypre **

* members of the pre-election delegation / membres de la délégation préélectorale

**awaiting non-conflict of interest declaration / en attente de la déclaration de non-conflit d'intérêt

Doc. 15665
26 January 2023

First part of the 2023 Ordinary Session (23-27 January 2023)

Agenda¹

1. Adopted by the Assembly on 23 January 2023.



Monday 23 January 2023

Sitting No. 1 (11:00-13:15)

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Examination of the credentials

- ☐ List of delegations:
 - o (Doc. 15687)

1.2. Election of the President of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2023) 03)

1.3. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2023) 01)

1.4. Appointment of members of committees (Commissions (2023) 01 + Add. 1)

1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure

1.5.1. Debate under urgent procedure: "Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine"

1.5.2. Current affairs debate: "Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade"

1.5.3. Debate under urgent procedure: "Attacks against public service workers"

1.5.4. Current affairs debate: "How to improve the Council of Europe's co-operation with civil society, as a way to strengthen and protect human rights, democracy and rule of law, including in Belarus and the Russian Federation"

1.5.5. Current affairs debate: "Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor"

1.6. Adoption of the agenda


1.7. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Reykjavik, 25 November 2022) (AS/Per (2022) PV 02)

Sitting No. 2 (15:30-17:30)

2. Debate

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee


- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr George KATROUGALOS (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15685, Doc. 15685 Add. 1, Doc. 15685 Add. 2, Doc. 15685 Add. 3)


 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 23 January, 12:00)


3. Debate

3.1. Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15591)
 - o Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. 15672)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 23 January, 12:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 January, 12:00)

 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15591)

Sitting No. 3 (10:00-13:00)




4. Elections (10:00-15:00)

4.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- ☐ List of candidates in respect of:
 - o Denmark (Doc. 15685 Add. 2, Doc. 15670)
 - o Iceland (Doc. 15685 Add. 2, Doc. 15671)


5. Debate

5.1. Conflict-related sexual violence

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15677)
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 23 January, 16:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 January, 16:00)
-  Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15677)

6. Address (12:00-13:00)


6.1. Ms Annalena BAERBOCK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany

- Speech (12:00-12:20)*
- Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)*
-  Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 23 January, 16:00)

Sitting No. 4 (15:30-20:00)




7. Address (15:30-16:30)

7.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ
-  Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 January, 12:00)

8. Debate

8.1. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15681, Doc. 15681 Add.)
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 January, 12:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 23 January, 16:00)
-  Vote on a draft recommendation (Doc. 15681)

Sitting No. 5 (10:00-13:00)

9. Debate

9.1. Environmental impact of armed conflicts

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr John HOWELL (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Soc ([Doc. 15674](#))
- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 January, 19:00)
- ☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 January, 10:30)
- ☐ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 15674](#))

10. Debate

10.1. Contact tracing applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Duncan BAKER (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 15648](#))
 - o Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur ([Doc. 15660](#))
- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 24 January, 19:00)
- ☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 January, 10:30)
- ☐ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15648](#))

Sitting No. 6 (15:30-20:00)

11. Current affairs debate

11.1. Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade

- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 January, 12:00)

12. Joint debate

12.1. The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 15673](#))

12.2. The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra STIENEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 15678](#))

12.3. Finding solutions for marital captivity

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Margreet De BOER (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega ([Doc. 15679](#))
- ☐ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 January, 12:00)
- ☐ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 24 January, 16:00)
- ☐ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation ([Doc. 15673](#))
- ☐ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15678](#))
- ☐ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15679](#))

Sitting No. 7 (10:00-13:00)

13. Debate under urgent procedure

13.1. Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 15689](#))
- Statement by:
 - Ms Oleksandra MATVIICHUK, Head of the Center for Civil Liberties, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 January, 19:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 25 January, 12:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15689](#))

14. Address (12:00-13:00)

14.1. Ms Katrín JAKOBSDÓTTIR, Prime Minister of Iceland²

- Speech (12:00-12:20)*
- Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)*
- 📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 25 January, 19:00)

Sitting No. 8 (17:00-20:00)

15. Debate

15.1. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022)

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 15682](#))
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 January, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 25 January, 17:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15682](#))

16. Debate

16.1. The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 15680](#))
 - Ms Inese LĪBIŅA-EGNERE (Latvia), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 15680](#))
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 January, 12:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 25 January, 17:30)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15680](#))

17. Current affairs debate

17.1. Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Lachin corridor


- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 January, 12:00)

2. The intervention by the Prime Minister will include the communication from the Committee of Ministers.

Sitting No. 9 (10:00-13:00)




18. Debate

18.1. Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur ([Doc. 15683](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 January, 19:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 26 January, 10:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15683](#))

19. Debate

19.1. Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN)

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - o Ms Marta GRANDE (Italy), Rapporteur AS/Cult ([Doc. 15675](#))
-  List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 26 January, 19:00)
-  Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 26 January, 10:30)
-  Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 15675](#))

20. Progress report (continued)

20.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

- ☐ Addendum:
 - o ([Doc. 15685 Add. 4](#)), [Doc. 15685 Add. 5](#))

21. Constitution of the Standing Committee

21.1. Appointment of the members of the Standing Committee (Commissions (2023) 02)

22. Closure of the part-session