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# Human Rights Committee
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**Draft agenda**
**Monday 28 October 2019**
**14.30- 18.00**
**Room G03, Agora**

1. **Opening of the meeting by the Chair, *Simon Matthijssen***

2. **Agenda for adoption**

3. **Recent developments in the field of Human Rights**

   3.1 HR and climate change in relation to the upcoming High-Level Conference under Georgian presidency February 2020: what message doe the INGOs to be delivered on this conference? *–Iva Obretenova (Biodiversity Division of the Council of Europe, Secretary to the Bern Convention)*
   *Questions and Answers*

   *3.2* Recent developments after the Turkish military offensive into North-East Syria – *Fayik Yagizay, representative of the Peoples' Democractic Party for the European Institutions in Strasbourg*
   *Questions and Answers*

4 **Round table on the theme "hate speech on the internet and migrants"**, presentation *Iamvi Totsi, Vice-Chair of the Committee*

   4.1 *Didier Leschi*, Director of the French Office of Immigration and Integration;

   4.2 *Nawel Rafik*, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities;

   4.3 *Laetitia Avia*, French MP, author of a draft law to fight against hate speech on the internet
   *Questions and Answers*

Break: 15 minutes

5 **Video connection** - *Gulnara Akhundova, in charge of the working group Freedom of Expression*

   5.1 Progress report and future activities of the working group Freedom of expression

   5.2 Outcomes of the side event "Female and outspoken: The twofold burden facing women human rights defenders and journalists" held on 1 October during the Parliamentary Assembly

   5.3 Upcoming Forum talk in the World Forum for Democracy

6 **Progress report and future activities of the working group Poverty** - *Miguel Cabral, Vice-Chair of the Committee*

7 **Progress report and future activities of the Think Tank Monitoring** - *Simon Matthijssen*

**8 Activities of the Chair and Vice-Chairs since the April session** - *Miguel Cabral*

**9 Short introduction about what we want to have on our agenda at the next April session and how this discussion should be organised**

9.1 Item on the Think Tank Monitoring by *Videre est Credere (London, UK) (1 hour)* Already decided (and invited)

*9.2 Further suggestions (open for discussion)*

9.2.1 Developments with Mediterranean migrants / asylum seekers
9.2.2 Developments in the field of criminalization of INGOs and / Human Rights Defenders?
9.2.3 Human Rights and climate change (focus on poor and dependent groups?)
9.2.4 Developments in Belarus, and or other contested area's as a result of geopolitical maneuvers

**10 Closing with conclusions by the Chair**

Please Note that the agenda points 3 (2 recent developments), 4 (hate speech), and 9 (ideas for next April session) can only achieve their full potential, if the audience actively participates. We have decided that those INGOs who indicate in advance by email (**simon.matthijssen@ingo-coe.org**) that they have questions or contributions to a specific topic, are given priority when allocating the - otherwise limited - speaking time.