

**Standing Committee**  
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**Standing Committee meeting**  
**Draft Agenda**  
**05.10.2023**  
**09:00-10:00**  
**Online meeting**

Present: Gerhard Ermischer, Christophe Spreng, Ruth Allen, Beate Zwierzyńska, Goran Miletic, Olga Sadovskaya, Simon Matthijssen  
Secretariat: Mary-Ann Hennessey, Anu Juvonen, Benedicte Kern, Lusine Sahakyan.

1. Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, Chair of the SC

2. Rapporteurs will now act according to the actual list

Simon is rapporteur.

3. Draft agenda - for adoption

4. Draft minutes of the last meeting - for adoption

July minutes and these minutes should be sent to the secretariat as soon as possible.

5. Preparation for GA / last minute adaptations

5.1 Who will be present in Strasbourg next week? Gerhard, Christophe, Ruth, Goran, Geneviève, Piotr, Simon.

Olga and Anna S. will not be there physically, but through KUDO.

Gerhard will circulate an invitation to dinner Sunday evening.

Simon informs that he will not be able to attend then. Ruth asks to invite youth members.

5.2 New information came in recently about the proposed presentation of ODF. Further analysis of this shows that the currently proposed presentation does not fit within the objectives of our conference and therefore we do not want to reserve a place for it on the agenda.

5.3 Gerhard reports that the Austrian ambassador intends (not yet confirmed) to give a reception to people from our conference and parliamentarians from PACE on Tuesday afternoon in the Blue Salon. At that time, Manfred Nowak will also be present who is proposed as a possible human rights commissioner candidate.

5.4 Possible adjustments to the agenda are discussed. Notes for adjustments on our website have been made by the secretariat staff.

Agenda item 12: Ruth will give a general introduction to this agenda item.

Agenda item 13: explanation of the voting system will be given at the beginning of the meeting.

Agenda item 14. 1: Harry Rogge will be approached by Simon to temporarily replace the deceased chair of the appellate committee (he has since agreed). Will be changed to agenda item 13.3.

Agenda item 14.2: will become agenda item 14. Furthermore, a timeline of relevant requirements and conditions will be prepared in preparation for the upcoming elections. The rules will be explained by the Verification and Dispute Committee.

Agenda item 15: Mary-Ann will explain the four-year review of NGOs with participatory status.

Agenda item 16: standing committee members who responded are welcome to attend the World Forum for Democracy.

## 6. Any other business

Simon will prepare a message from the Standing committee on the EOI, to the secretary general advising to withdraw the participatory status of the EOI.