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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda

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is the convocation to the meeting.

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of the meeting to be held in Paris on:

Monday, 11 September 2023 from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:00
Tuesday, 12 September 2023 from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:00

Venue: Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 55 avenue Kléber, Paris 16th, Tel.: + 33 1 44 05 33 60 (Metro: Boissière)

Monday 11 September 2023, from 09:30 to 18:00

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Pol (2023) PV 05, AS/Pol (2023) PV 05 addendum 1 and 2]

Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg during the June part-session 2023

3. The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Samad Seyidov, Azerbaijan, EC/DA

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

4. Establishment of a “youth partner” status with the Parliamentary Assembly

Rapporteur: Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou, Greece, EPP/CD

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

5. Globalisation in times of crises and war: The role of the OECD since the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine [11 am]

Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL

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- Hearing with the participation of Mr Ulrik Knudsen, Deputy Secretary General of the OECD
- Consideration of a draft report with a view to the adoption of a preliminary draft resolution during the October 2023 part-session

6. Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans

Rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC

[[Resolution](#), [recommendation](#), reply, list of members, draft agenda, programme, practical information]

- Consideration of the reply by the Committee of Ministers [*tbc*]
- Information on the meeting of the ad hoc Sub-Committee (Skopje, 20 October 2023)

7. Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European Political Community [2.30 pm]

Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA

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- Hearing with the participation of Mr Rodrigo Ballester, Head of the Centre for European Studies at Mathias Corvinus Collegium (MCC), Budapest
- Consideration of a preliminary draft report

8. Statutory Opinion on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30

Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD

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- Statement by the rapporteur
- Exchange of views

9. The Situation in Iran

Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks, Germany, SOC

- Statement by the rapporteur
- Exchange of views

10. Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums

Rapporteur: Ms Isabel Meirelles, Portugal, EPP/CD

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

Tuesday, 12 September 2023 from 09:30 to 18:00

11. Call for a national political reform process in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC

Hearing with the participation of Mr Valery Tsepka, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1994-1997), Ambassador of Belarus to the United States (1997-2002), Director of the Belarusian High-Tech Park (2005-2017), Candidate for the Presidency of Belarus (2020)

12. The need for renewed, effective and inclusive multilateralism

Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD

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Consideration of an outline report

13. Democracy

[Draft declaration]

- Statement by Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Democracy
- Adoption of a declaration in view of the International Day of Democracy (15 September 2023)

14. Current political issues: Destabilisation in the Sahel region and its consequences for Europe [2.30 pm]

Hearing with the participation of Mr Thierry Vircoulon, Associate researcher, coordinator of the Central and Southern Africa Observatory, Sub-Saharan Africa Center, *Institut français des relations internationales* (IFRI)

15. Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD

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Consideration of preliminary draft report

16. Work programme

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16.1. Call for candidates for reports and for opinion

- Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement [[Doc. 15758](#)]
- Establishment of an Order of the European solidarities [[Doc. 15770](#)]
- [Resolution 2506 \(2023\)](#) Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine [Bureau decision]
- The role of youth revitalising democracy (for opinion) [[Doc.15756](#)]
Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE

16.2. Appointment of a rapporteur for report

Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine [[Doc. 15732](#)]

16.3. Reference to the Committee for information

Denouncing ideology and practices of Ruscism in Europe [[Doc 15772](#)]

16.4. Reference to the Committee for consultation

A parliamentary sponsorship programme between the Parliamentary Assembly members and human rights defenders or the politically oppressed [[Doc. 15752](#)]

16.5. Appointments

Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the [World Forum for Democracy on "Democracy=Peace?"](#) (6-8 November 2023, Strasbourg)

17. Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees

[List of members]

18. Authorisations by the Committee

19. Other business

Information on the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament

20. Next meetings

- October part-session (9-13 October 2023), Strasbourg
- 20 October 2023, Skopje – ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans
- 12 December 2023, Paris