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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

for the meeting to be held on

30 November 2023 from 2.30pm – 6pm

1 December 2023 from 9.30am – 5.30pm¹

Paris, (Council of Europe Office)

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**This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates, is the
convocation to the meeting**

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30 November 2023 from 2.30pm – 6pm (regular plenary committee meeting)

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Jur (2023) PV 07]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg during the October part-session, 9-12 October 2023

¹ The interviews for the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe shall take place during the morning of 1 December 2023. Please note this part of the meeting will be held *in camera* and only members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will be able to attend.

3. Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly

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Approval of a memorandum prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

4. Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress

Rapporteur: Lord Richard Keen, United Kingdom, EC/DA

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

5. Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for the democratic society

Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Davor Ivo Stier, Croatia, EPP/CD

Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC

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[Doc.15869](#)]

Consideration and approval of an opinion on the report of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

6. General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty

[Mandate: General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty

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Possible reappointment of Mr Aleksandar Nikoloski, (North Macedonia, EPP/CD) (first term: appointed on 12.12.2022, mandate effective from 13.12.2022. Term of office: one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years.

Consideration of an information note and request for its declassification

7. Follow-up to the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the implementation of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in Zagreb (13-14 November)

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Oral report by the Rapporteur for “Reykjavik Follow-Up: The Role of PACE and National Parliamentarians in Improving the Timely and Effective Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”, Mr Constantinof Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC). Consideration of a revised information note and its declassification.

Hearing:

8. Sanctions of persons on the "Kara-Murza list"

Rapporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE

[AS/Jur (2023) 19 declassified]

Hearing with the participation of:

Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of the Russian opposition activist and Advocacy Coordinator at the Free Russia Foundation”

Mr Bill Browder - Head of Sergei Magnitsky Justice Campaign, United Kingdom

1 December 2023 from 9.30am – 1pm (Interviews for the post of Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe) [in camera: members of AS/JUR only]

9. Election of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights by the Parliamentary Assembly

[\[Doc. 15870\]](#)
[Resolution CM \(99\) 50](#)
[Order 547 \(1999\)](#)
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- (i) Briefing session
- (ii) Interviews with the three candidates on the list transmitted to the Assembly by the Committee of Ministers
- (iii) Discussion and voting

Lunch break 1-2.30 pm

1 December 2023 from 2.30pm – 5.30pm (regular plenary committee meeting)

Hearing:

10. Human Rights Defenders: Whistleblowers

General Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Sergei Cristo, Whistleblower
Ms Anna Myers, Executive Director of the Whistleblowing International Network (WIN), United Kingdom
Mr Jean-Philippe Foegle Expert on whistleblowers and researcher and doctoral student in public and European law

11. References transmitted to the committee

[AS/Jur/Inf (2023) 08 - Appointment procedure document

AS/Jur/Inf (2023) 26 - Rapporteur table

[\[Doc. 15777\]](#)

[\[Doc. 15812\]](#)

[\[Doc. 15732\]](#)

- **Call for Rapporteurs:**

The detention of Julian Assange and its chilling effects on human rights ([Doc. 15777](#))

- **References transmitted for inclusion in other reports**

The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy ([Doc. 15812](#)): to be taken into account in the framework of the report on "Sanctions of persons on the "Kara-Murza list"

Request for reference:

- **Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine** ([Doc. 15732](#)): proposal to be seized for an opinion on the report being prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

12. Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee

AS/Jur (2023) 31, [Doc. 15836](#)

AS/Jur (2023) 33, [Doc. 15843](#)

- [Recommendation 2241 \(2022\)](#) on “The impact of the Covid-19 restrictions for civil society space and activities” adopted at the 1 473rd meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies on 6 September 2023.
- [Recommendation 2244 \(2022\)](#) on “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” adopted at the 1 477th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies on 4 October 2023.
- [Recommendation 2242 \(2022\)](#) on “The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on prison population in Europe” adopted at the 1 477th meeting of the Ministers’ Deputies on 4 October 2023.

13. Hearings during the next meeting

14. Other business

- Sub-committees
- Call for nominations for the 2024 Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment
- Helsinki Dialogue on Belarus– ad hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, 11-12 January 2024

15. Next meetings

Plenary Committee:

- during the Assembly’s 1st part-session of 2024 (22-26 January 2024)
- 4 March 2024, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly’s 2nd part-session of 2024 (15-19 April 2024)
- 21 May 2024, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly’s 3rd part-session of 2024 (24-28 June 2024)
- 11 September 2023, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly’s 4th part-session of 2024 (30th September – 4 October 2024)
- 10 December 2024, Paris Office (t.b.c.)