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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

of the meeting to be held in Larnaca, Cyprus
on 22-23 May 2023

Monday 22 May 2023 from 9.30am – 5.30pm
Tuesday 23 May 2023 September 2023 from 2.30pm-5pm

Venue: “Skala” Conference room, Radisson Blu Hotel, Larnaca.
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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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Monday 22 May 2023 from 9.30am – 5.30pm

1. Agenda

[AS/Jur (2023) OJ 04 Rev 3]

Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Jur (2023) PV 03]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held during the April part-session, 24-28 April 2023, in Strasbourg
will be postponed until the June part-session 2023

3. Welcoming address

Interventions by:

Ms Annita Demetriou, President of House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus
Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Chairperson of the Cypriot delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

4. The European Convention on Human Rights in Cyprus

Hearing with the participation of:

Ms Anna Koukkides-Procopiou, Minister of Justice and Public Order of the Republic of Cyprus
Dr Costas Paraskeva, Associate Professor of Public and Human Rights Law, University of Cyprus, Advocate, former Member of the CPT

5. Petition on alleged conflict of interest of judges

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Letter from the director of the ECLJ]

Consideration of an information memorandum and possible adoption of a recommendation to the Bureau as to the admissibility of the petition.

11.30am approximately:

Hearing:

6. The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation

Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC

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Hearing with the participation of:

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

Mr Denis Shedov, human rights activist and lawyer for the imprisoned municipal councilor Aleksei Gorinov Analyst at OVD-Info

7. Appointment of a General Rapporteur for political prisoners

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8. Possible appointment of a General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders¹

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¹ On 26 April 202 a call was made for a General Rapporteur for political prisoners. Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), proposed her candidature. If appointed Ms Ævarsdóttir will relinquish her current rapporteurship as General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders. A conditional call for candidates was made for the latter on the same date so that both General Rapporteurs can be appointed at this meeting.

9. References transmitted to the committee

[AS/Jur/Inf (2023) 08 - Appointment procedure document
AS/Jur/Inf (2023) 16 - Rapporteur table

Call for candidates for a report:

[Resolution 2494 \(2023\)](#) Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Bureau decision)

Call for candidates for an opinion:

Transmission by the Committee of Ministers for consultation on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (document DD(2022)200), in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30 (Bureau decision)

(Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report (for the preparation of the statutory Opinion to the Committee of Ministers on the application for membership)*)

10. References for inclusion in other reports

[\[Doc. 15690\]](#)
[\[Doc. 15712\]](#)

The question of the right to just and equal redress and the access to court and a fair trial for all victims of the German aggression during the Second World War ([Doc. 15690](#))

- *to be taken into account in the motion for a resolution on “Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress”*

Ensuring the right to fair trial in the context of State immunities: how to strike the right balance? ([Doc. 15712](#))

- *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine”*

11. Reference for consultation:

[\[Doc. 15697\]](#)

Misuse of the anti-money laundering measures and countering the financing of terrorism regulations as a tool of transnational repression ([Doc. 15697](#))

12. Reference for information:

[\[Doc. 15704\]](#)

Combating forced “harvesting” and “trafficking” in human organs ([Doc. 15704](#))

1-2.30pm lunch break

13. UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European Human Rights protection

Rapporteur: Mr Kamal Jafarov, Azerbaijan, EC/DA
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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

4pm approximately:

Hearing:

14. The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – inter-State cases
[Doc. 15742]

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Polyvios G. Polyviou, Lawyer

Mr Achilleas Demetriades, Lawyer

Mr Levan Meskhoradze, Georgia and Azerbaijan Unit, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Tuesday 23 May 2023 morning

Visit of the committee to the government-controlled area of Famagusta (see programme AS/JUR/Inf (2023)12 Rev)

Tuesday 23 May 2023 from 2.30pm – 5pm
(“Skala” Conference room, Radisson Blu Hotel, Larnaca)

15. Transnational repression as a growing threat to the rule of law and human rights
Rapporteur: Sir Christopher Chope, United Kingdom, EC/DA
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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

3.15pm approximately:

Hearing:

16. The right to freedom of information: ensuring access to historical documents
Rapporteur: Ms Klotilda Bushka, Albania, SOC
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum and hearing with the participation of:

Ms Paige Morrow, Senior Legal Advisor (External) to the UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Mrs. Gentiana Sula, Chair of the Authority for Access into Ex Sigurimi Records during the Communist Dictatorship

17. Hearings during the next meeting

18. Other business

- Sub-committee proposals

19. Next meetings

Plenary Committee:

- during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2023 (19-23 June 2023
- 8 September 2023, Paris Office (t.b.c.)

- during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2023 (9-13 October 2023)
- 1 December 2023, Paris Office (t.b.c.)