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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda

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of the meeting to be held in Oslo on:

Thursday, 30 May 2024 from 09:30 to 12:30 and from 14:30 to 17:30

Friday, 31 May 2024 from 09:30 to 13:00

Venue: The Norwegian Parliament, The Storting, Annex building, Prinsens gate 26, 0026 - Oslo

A. Thursday, 30 May 2024

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the revised agenda

2. Minutes

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Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg during the April part-session 2024

3. The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD

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4. Welcome addresses by and exchanges of views with the Norwegian authorities [10:15]

- Mr Masud Gharahkhani, President of the Storting

- Ms Emilie Enger Mehl, Minister of Justice

5. Statement by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Assembly

6. Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

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- Statement by the rapporteur
- Hearing on the Consequences for the Arctic region, with the participation of:
 - Mr Åsmund Aukrust, First Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs and defence, Parliament of Norway
 - Ms Birgitte Hygen, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway

7. General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces

[\[Resolution 2540 \(2024\)\]](#); Terms of Reference]

Approval of the Terms of Reference

8. General Rapporteur for Democracy [14.30]

- Statement by the General Rapporteur reporting back from his participation in the meeting of the Rapporteur Group on Democracy (GR-DEM) on 23 April 2024 and the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM) on 13 May 2024
- Hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
 - Ms Gunn Marit Helgesen, First Vice-President of the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

9. Strengthening democracy through participatory and deliberative processes

Rapporteur: Mr George Papandreu, Greece, SOC

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10. Recent developments in the Middle East: Hamas' terrorist attack on Israel and Israel's response

Rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

Statement by the rapporteur for follow-up, also in his capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

11. Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European Political Community

Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, EC/DA

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- Statement by the rapporteur
- Request for an extension of the reference

12. Work programme

[AS/Pol (2024) WP 04; Draft motion]

12.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for report

- The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms [\[Doc. 15569\]](#)
- Situation in the Middle East [Decision of the Bureau]

- Situation in Belarus [Decision of the Bureau]
- Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention [[Doc. 15906](#)]

12.2. Political parties and democracy

- Approval of a draft motion for a resolution to be tabled on behalf of the Committee

12.3. Reference for information

- Self-determination and territorial integrity in the 21st century [[Doc. 15816](#)]

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13. Exchange of views with Norwegian authorities

With the participation of Mr Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

14. Call for Famagusta's return to its lawful inhabitants

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC
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15. Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress [possibly after item 16]

Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL
[AS/Pol (2024) 09; [Doc. 15933](#)]

Consideration and approval of a draft opinion to the report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

16. The situation in Iran and the protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States [11:00]

Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks, Germany, SOC
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- Hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Mahmoud Farahmand, member of the Norwegian parliament
 - Mr Reza Amiry-Moghaddam, human rights activist, neuroscientist, professor at the University of Oslo (online)
- Consideration of an introductory memorandum

17. Elections in times of crisis

Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE
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Consideration of an outline for a report

18. Other business

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2024: extension of the deadline to submit nominations to 30 June 2024

19. Next meetings

- June part-session (24-28 June 2024), Strasbourg
- 9 September 2024, Paris (*date tbc*)
- October part-session (30 September to 4 October 2024), Strasbourg
- 11 December 2024, Paris