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## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Revised draft agenda

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

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### of the meeting to be held in Paris on:

**Tuesday, 5 March 2024 from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00**

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

Please also note the meetings of the Sub-Committees:

14:30 to 14:40 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and Arab World

14:40 to 14:50 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on External Relations

14:50 to 15:00 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

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Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg during the January part-session 2024 and the minutes of the joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and the Monitoring Committee

3. **Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums**

*Rapporteur: Ms Isabel Meirelles, Portugal, EPP/CD*

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

4. **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 Dora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD*

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- Statement by the rapporteur following her fact-finding visit to Brussels
- Consideration of an Information note

**5. Death of Alexei Navalny - Current situation in Russia**

[[Statement by the President](#) 16.02.2024, [Statement by the Secretary General](#) 16.02.2024]

Exchange of views

**6. General Rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus**

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Approval of the terms of reference

**7. Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees**

**8. The situation in Iran and the protection of Iranian human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States [15.00]**

*Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks, Germany, SOC*

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Hearing with the participation of:

- . Mr Ali Fathollah-Nejad, Director of the Center for Middle East and Global Order (CMEG), Berlin
- . Ms Nargess Eskandari-Grünberg, Mayor of the City of Frankfurt am Main and Head of the Department for Diversity, Anti-Discrimination and Social Cohesion

**9. Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy**

*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*

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

**10. Strengthening democracy through participatory and deliberative processes**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC*

- Statement by the rapporteur
- Hearing with the participation of Ms Kalypso Nicolaïdis, *Transnational Democratic Odyssey*, Chair in Global Affairs, School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute (Italy), Emeritus professor, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

**11. Call for Famagusta's return to its lawful inhabitants**

*Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*

[AS/Pol/Inf (2024) 03]

Statement by the rapporteur following his fact-finding visit to Ankara on 15 February 2024

**12. Meeting of the Committee in Oslo**

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Consideration of the preliminary draft programme and practical information

**13. Work programme**

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**13.1. Call for candidates for reports**

- Situation in the Middle East [Decision of the Bureau]
- Situation in Belarus [Decision of the Bureau]

**13.2. Appointment of the institutional representatives of the Committee**

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

**13.3. Appointment of Committee representatives**

Steering Committee on Democracy (CDDEM), 13 and 14 May 2024, Strasbourg

**14. Reply by the Committee of Ministers**

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers reply to [Recommendation 2245 \(2023\)](#) on “The Reykjavík Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges” [[Doc. 15894](#)]

**15. Authorisations**

**16. Other business**

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2024

**17. Next meetings**

- April part-session (15-19 April 2024), Strasbourg
- 30 and 31 May 2024, Oslo
- June part-session (24-28 June 2024), Strasbourg
- 9 September 2024, Paris
- October part-session (30 September to 4 October 2024), Strasbourg
- 11 December 2024, Paris