

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda

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of the meeting to be held in Paris on:

Monday, 20 March 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)

1. Agenda

[AS/Pol (2023) OJ 02rev]

Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

[AS/Pol (2023) PV 01]

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

3. Changes to membership in Sub-Committees

[Lists of Sub-Committees]

4. The role of the Council of Europe in preventing human suffering resulting from international armed conflicts: different stages of conflict prevention and best practices to be employed

Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko, Ukraine, ALDE

[AS/Pol (2023) 07]

- Hearing with the online participation of Ms Katariina Leinonen, Deputy Head of Division, Service of Deputy Secretary General CSDP and crisis response, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
- Consideration of a preliminary draft report

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

Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD

[AS/Pol (2023) 10, [Council of Europe webpage](#), [Joint statement 14.03.2023](#)]

- Hearing with the online participation of Mr Hugo Antonio Acha, Senior Research Fellow, Center for a Secure Free Society (SFS) and Director of Research and Outreach for the Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba (FHRC)
- Consideration of an outline report

6. The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL
[[Doc. 15607](#), AS/Pol (2023) 09, [Programme OCDE](#)]

Possible participation in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (4-5 April 2023, Paris)

7. Call for a national political reform process in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC
[[Statement 07.03.2023](#), Letter]

Proposal by the Rapporteur as regards the democratic political forces to be invited during the April part-session 2023

8. Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?

[AS/Pol (2023) 04]

Statement by Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

9. Safeguarding peace and stability in the East Mediterranean Sea

Rapporteur: Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD
[AS/Pol (2023) 08]

Consideration of a revised introductory memorandum

Meetings of the Sub-Committee on Democracy (14:30-14:40) and the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World (14:40-14:50) to elect the respective Bureaux

10. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges

Former Rapporteur: Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE
[[Recommendation 2245 \(2023\)](#), [CM Decisions](#), [Summit Webpage](#), AS/Per (2023) OJ 02]

Statement by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, on the preparations for the Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe

11. Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans

Former rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC
[[Resolution 2456 \(2022\)](#) and [Recommendation 2237 \(2022\)](#)]

- Follow-up statement by the former rapporteur
- Possible constitution of an ad hoc Sub-Committee

12. Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America

Rapporteur : Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones, Spain, SOC
[AS/Pol (2023) 06]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

13. Meeting of the Committee in Seville, Spain

[AS/Pol/Inf (2023) 03, AS/Pol/Inf (2023) 04]

Consideration of the draft programme and the practical information

14. Information on ongoing work in the electoral field

- Debriefing of the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE), 9 March 2023
- Parliamentary conference – Elections in times of crisis (Bern, 9-10 May 2023)
[\[Webpage, Programme\]](#)

15. Work programme

[AS/PoI (2023) WP 02]

15.1. Call for candidates for the following:

- **Reports:**
 - The situation in Iran [\[Doc. 15688\]](#)
 - Promoting the revised Code of Good Practice on Referendums [\[Doc. 15691\]](#)
- **Opinion:**
 - Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress [\[Doc. 15676\]](#)

15.2. Reference to be taken into account in a report under preparation

[\[Doc. 15628\]](#)

“Preventing abuse of the right to veto in the Security Council: a perspective by the member States of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe” to be taken into account in the report “The need for renewed, effective and inclusive multilateralism” (Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD)

15.3. Reply by the Committee of Ministers

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers reply to [Recommendation 2235 \(2022\)](#) “Recent challenges to security in Europe: what role for the Council of Europe?” [\[Doc. 15717\]](#)

16. Other business

17. Next meetings

- April part-session (24-28 April 2023), Strasbourg
- 11-12 May 2023, Seville (Spain)
- June part-session (19-23 June 2023), Strasbourg
- 12-13 September 2023, Paris
- October part-session (9-13 October 2023), Strasbourg
- 12 December 2023, Paris