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Bureau of the Assembly

Draft agenda

This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Bureau of the Assembly, is the convocation to the meeting

Copy to secretaries of delegations and political groups, and Heads of Secretariats of the Assembly's general committees

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Date: 25 May 2023 –3 pm to 6 pm

Venue: Riga (*The Small Guild / Mazā Ģilde, Amatu Street 5, Riga*)

Meeting room: Great Hall

1. Communication by the President
[AS/Bur (2023) 24]

2. Agenda
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Draft decision: to adopt the draft agenda

3. Minutes
[AS/Bur (2023) PV 04; AS/Bur (2023) PV 05]

Draft decision: to approve the draft minutes of the meetings held on 24 and 28 April 2023

4. Communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
[Written communication]

Draft decision: to take note of the communication by the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

5. 4th Council of Europe Heads of State and Government Summit (16-17 May 2023)
[Declaration; draft declaration]

Draft decision: to take note of the Declaration adopted at the 4th Summit by the Heads of State and Government and to consider a draft Declaration on the follow-up to the 4th Summit with a view to its adoption by the Standing Committee

6. Meeting of the Standing Committee in Riga (25-26 May 2023)

6.1. Requests for current affairs debates

At its meeting on 28 April 2023, the Bureau took note of the requests by the leaders of the five political groups that the Standing Committee holds current affairs debates on “The follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit” and on “Excluding athletes from Russia and Belarus from taking part in the Olympics”

Draft decision: to decide whether to recommend to the Standing Committee to hold these debates and, if so, to appoint the first speakers

6.2. Consideration of the draft agenda

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Draft decision: to take note of the draft agenda

6.3. [Possibly] Draft declaration on Excluding athletes from Russia and Belarus from taking part in the Olympics

Draft decision: [Possibly] consideration of a draft Declaration with a view to its adoption by the Standing Committee

7. Third part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 19-23 June)

[AS/Bur (2023) 25; letters]

Draft decision: to draw up the draft agenda for the third part-session of 2023

8. 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

[Letter; CM/Del/Dec(2023)1464bis/2.4 ; [DD\(2022\)200](#)]

Draft decision: upon proposals by the President, to appoint two eminent lawyers who, according to established practice, will draw up a report for the attention of the Bureau assessing the conformity of the applicant's legal system with Council of Europe standards

9. References and transmissions to committees

[AS/Bur (2023) 22; letter]

Draft decision: to approve the proposals contained in the document, to be ratified by the Standing Committee

10. Election observation

10.1. Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (2 April 2023)

[\[Doc. 15774\]](#)

Draft decision: to approve the report by the observation mission

10.2. Türkiye: Presidential and parliamentary elections (14 May 2023)

[\[Statement\]](#)

Draft decision: to take note of the statement by the observation mission

10.3. Montenegro: Parliamentary elections (11 June 2023)

[List]

Draft decision: to approve the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections

11. Issues raised by committees

11.1. Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
[Letters]

Draft decisions: to decide whether to authorise

- the rapporteur on “The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms”, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan, in the framework of the preparation of his report
- the rapporteur on “Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America”, to carry out fact-finding visits to Parlatino (Panama), and to Colombia and Mexico (at no cost to the Assembly), in the course of 2023, in the framework of the preparation of his report

12. Other business

Items possibly to be dealt without debate:

13. [Possibly] Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
[Lists of members]

Draft decision: to approve the lists of members

14. 2023 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November)
[Concept paper]

Draft decision: to take note of the concept paper and decide to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum

15. Dates and places of next meetings

Monday 19 June 2023, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)
Friday 23 June 2023, 8 am, Strasbourg (part-session)
Thursday 14 September 2023, 9.30 am, Paris