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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Draft agenda (revised)

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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, on:

- Monday 15 April 2024, from 2 to 3.15pm (room 7): meeting of the Committee
- Tuesday 16 April 2024:
 - from 10.30am to 12.30pm (room 10): meeting of the Committee
 - from 12.45pm to 1.45pm (room 7): meeting of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI People in Europe

(All times are CEST)

A. Monday 15 April 2024, from 2 to 3.15pm (room 7)

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda.

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Ega (2024) PV 02; AS/Ega/Alliance (2024) PV 01; AS/Ega/Platform (2023) PV 03]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meetings of the committee and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance held on 18-19 March 2024 in Paris and of the meeting of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe held on 12 October 2023 in Strasbourg.

3. **Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee**

4. **Application by Kosovo* for membership of the Council of Europe**

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

Rapporteur for report: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

[AS/Ega (2024) 12; [Doc. 15958](#)]

Adoption of a draft opinion.

Deadline for tabling amendments: Monday 15 April 2024 at 10am.

Debate in the Assembly will take place on Tuesday 16 April 2024 afternoon.

* Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

5. Council of Europe Strategy on Gender Equality 2024-2029

[\[Gender Equality Strategy\]](#)

Presentation of the new Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy (2024-2029) by Mr Ralph Kass, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission (GEC).

B. Tuesday 16 April 2024, from 10.30am to 12.30pm (room 10)

6. Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC)

[\[Doc. 15953\]](#); amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments to the draft resolution.

Deadline for tabling amendments: Monday 15 April 2024 at 2.30pm.

Debate in the Assembly will take place on Wednesday 17 April 2024 afternoon.

7. Protecting women human rights defenders and people who defend women's rights in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC)

[AS/Ega (2024) 13]

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

[at 11am]

8. Priorities of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Exchange of views with Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.

9. Cooperation with the European Union

Exchange of views with Mr Robert Biedroń, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), European Parliament.

10. Work programme

[AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 01rev2; AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 15]

10.1. Consideration of the work programme;

10.2. Consideration of a draft motion for a resolution with a view to its adoption by the Committee and for tabling on its behalf:

- *Violent pornography* [AS/Ega (2024) 15].

10.3. Appointment of rapporteurs for report:

- *The situation of national minorities in Ukraine*, motions for a resolution tabled by Mr Titus Corlăţean and other members of the Assembly [\[Doc. 15334\]](#) and Mr Petr Tolstói and other members of the Assembly [\[Doc. 15339\]](#) [Previous Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD)].
- *Enhancing co-operation between parliaments and equality bodies*, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination [\[Doc. 15905\]](#)

10.4. Request for extensions of reference:

- *The situation of national minorities in Ukraine* (Rapporteur: to be appointed);
- *Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life* (Rapporteur: Ms Maryna Bardina, Ukraine, ALDE).

11. Appointment of representatives (*subject to the availability of funds*)

[Invitation; programmes]

- Invitation to Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people, to participate in the IDAHOT event, to be held in the Netherlands, on 15 May 2024;
- Invitation to participate in the 9th meeting of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues of the Council of Europe (ADI-ROM), to be held in Strasbourg, on 15-16 May 2024;
- Invitation to Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, to participate in the No Hate Speech Week 2024, organised by the Council of Europe Anti-discrimination Department in the framework of the EU-CoE joint project *Building Civil Society's capacities to tackle hate speech online*, to be held in Strasbourg from 17 to 20 June 2024, and other interested members (*at no cost to the Assembly*).

12. Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting

Rapporteur: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR)

[AS/Ega (2024) 09]

Consideration of an information memorandum.

13. Reporting back

- Ms Mireille Clapot (France, ALDE) on her participation in the first meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI), held in Strasbourg on 20-21 February 2024;
- Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) on her participation in the Women Political Leaders Summit "Democracy for the 21st century", held in Athens on 19-21 March 2024;
- Ms Mariia Mezentsseva (Ukraine, EPP/CD) on her participation in the webinar *Digital Revolution. With or without Her?*, organised by the Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe and University Women of Europe, on 27 March 2024.

14. Meetings of the Committee and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, Tirana, Albania, 5 and 6 June 2024

[AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 13; AS/Ega/Inf (2024) 14]

Consideration of a draft programme of the meeting and practical information.

15. Other business

16. Next meetings

Committee:

- Tirana, 5 and 6 (morning) June 2024;
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2024 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
- Paris, 12 September 2024 (Council of Europe Office);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2024 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October);
- Paris, 5 December 2024 (Council of Europe Office).

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:

- Riga, 11 June 2024: Peer-to-peer Seminar *From policies to results: the role of parliamentarians in implementing and monitoring the Istanbul Convention*.

C. Tuesday 16 April 2024, from 12.45pm to 1.45pm (room 7): meeting of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI People in Europe (see separate agenda)

17. Activities of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe
[AS/Ega/Platform (2024) 01]

Statement by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people.

General discussion on priorities for 2024-2025.

18. Addressing discrimination and violence against transgender people
[CommHR(2024)17_IP]

Exchange of views with the participation of:

- Mx Cianán B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer ILGA-Europe;
- Ms Dinah Bons, Co-Chair, Transgender Europe (TGEU);
- Ms Erika Castellanos, Executive Director of Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE).

To accompany the plenary debate on freedom of speech and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe, a photo exhibition *Pride (R)evolution in the Baltic states* will be held in the lobby of the hemicycle during the session week. The inauguration will be held on Tuesday 16 April at 1.45pm, in the presence of Mr Vladimir Simonko, Executive Director, Lithuanian Gay League (LGL)