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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1478<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies\* (18 October 2023)**

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\* This document covers the activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 9 October 2023 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 22 January 2024.

## I. Fourth part of the Ordinary Session of 2023 (9 - 13 October 2023)

### A. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

During the October part-session, Ukraine continued to be the number one priority of the Assembly. Support to Ukraine, to the international efforts to create an ad hoc tribunal for the crime of aggression, and to President Zelensky's peace formula in order to secure a just peace in the country, were reiterated in a number of texts adopted this week, including: Resolution 2515 (2023) on "The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace", Resolution 2516 (2023) on "Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe", and Resolution 2519 (2023) on "Examining the legitimacy and legality of the ad hominem term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation". In particular, by adopting Resolution 2516 (2023), members of the Assembly underlined that achieving peace means "supporting the victory of Ukraine" and recognising "the nature, extent and gravity of the crimes committed by the Russian Federation". Therefore, in this text, the Assembly set several priorities and recommended in particular: to recognise the Great Famine (the Holodomor) as an act of genocide and adopt resolutions commemorating the victims; the countries represented in the Conference of Participants of the Register of Damage to swiftly advance to ensure the Register of Damage is operational as soon as possible; push for setting up an international compensation mechanism for the victims and support the creation of a Special International Tribunal for the crime of aggression; support for international bodies like the International Criminal Court and the Joint Investigation Team to investigate and prosecute war crimes and crimes against humanity committed or ordered in Ukraine, since the beginning of the aggression in 2014; the widest possible support of President Zelensky's Peace Formula and to assist Ukraine in its struggle to defend its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

### B. Follow-up to the Reykjavík Summit

Following the Fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe, which took place in Reykjavik on 16-17 May 2023, the Parliamentary Assembly indicated its readiness to participate actively in the implementation of the Summit outcomes, as established in the Reykjavik Declaration and associated documents. The Assembly is accordingly giving priority to work contributing to the Summit priorities, based on the following approach: 1. Giving first priority to PACE initiatives and work directly linked to the Reykjavik outcomes; 2. Working closely with other institutions, bodies and sectors of the Council of Europe in this direction, to maximise synergies and impact; and 3. Basing its work on its existing PACE structures, mechanisms and working methods while intensifying cross-committee collaboration and a task-oriented approach. During the session, the President of the Assembly convened Chairpersons of Committees to discuss and take stock of progress. The meeting allowed Chairpersons of Committees to coordinate action and to highlight the priority initiatives underway in the Parliamentary Assembly which contribute to the implementation of the Reykjavik Summit. These include, for instance: the establishment of the new General Rapporteur on Democracy (October 2023); the organisation of the Zagreb Conference (November 2023) on how to improve the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights; the preparation of a report on "Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment with the Reykjavik process"; an event, to be held in Paris in December 2023, on the topic of displaced, deported and refugee Ukrainian children; and the recent publication of the conclusion of the May 2023 Conference on "Elections in times of crisis". The Bureau of the Assembly will continue to monitor progress closely.

### C. Personalities

The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- **Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- **Mr Krišjānis KARIŅŠ**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia and President of the Committee of Ministers
- **Mr Didier REYNDERS**, European Commissioner for Justice

Their speeches can be found on the website of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

## D. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debates

The Assembly held three debates under urgent procedure on “Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe” (debated jointly with a report on “The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace”), on the “Humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh”, and on “Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala”.

The Assembly also held two current affairs debates on “The situation in the North of Kosovo\* following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation” and on “Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel”.

## E. Media coverage

The 2023 autumn session generated excellent media coverage, with some 62 journalists accredited to attend in Strasbourg, and a greater number of news reports identified than for any other part-session this year, covering a wide spread of topics. The highest number of identified reports appeared in Ukraine, followed by France and Armenia.

The award of the Václav Havel Prize to Osman Kavala drew wide coverage, with reports by international news agencies and major media across Europe. There was considerable coverage also for the Assembly’s call for his immediate release later in the week, and the reaction to it.

The Assembly’s call for states to recognise Ukraine’s Holodomor, the Great Famine of 1932-1933, as genocide was extensively reported in Ukraine and internationally, and was welcomed by President Zelenskyy on X, as well as other elements of its resolution on ensuring a just peace in Ukraine.

Other media highlights were the Assembly’s position that Vladimir Putin should no longer be regarded as the legitimate president of Russia after the end of his current term, and that Russia was now a “de facto dictatorship”, as well as the debate on the use of Pegasus and similar spyware, which found a broad echo in Spain, Greece and Azerbaijan.

The pattern was similar on social media, where the Assembly’s main “X” account, formerly Twitter, saw a record 2.1 million impressions across the week. Facebook reach totalled just over 10,000, while videos on the YouTube channel were viewed around 12,000 times, amounting to about 650 hours of watch time. The top video was Thursday’s joint hearing on “Human rights and humanitarian situation of Karabakh Armenians and international obligations of Azerbaijan”, which was widely viewed in both Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The Mediabox, the Assembly’s ever-popular in-house TV studio, saw 31 interviews recorded in total, most appearing on the YouTube channel and social media, while a new large-screen “social media wall” drew attention to the Assembly’s many activities across a palette of online communication platforms.

## F. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

### Recommendations

<u>Recommendation 2258 (2023)</u>	Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance (Doc. 15825)
<u>Recommendation 2259 (2023)</u>	The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace (Doc. 15821)
<u>Recommendation 2260 (2023)</u>	Humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh (Doc. 15840)

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<u>Recommendation 2261 (2023)</u>	Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala (Doc. 15841)
<u>Recommendation 2262 (2023)</u>	Preventing addictive behaviours in children (Doc. 15830)
<u>Recommendation 2263 (2023)</u>	Mental health and well-being of children and young adults (Doc. 15829)

## Resolutions

<u>Resolution 2511 (2023)</u>	The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe (Doc. 15826)
<u>Resolution 2512 (2023)</u>	The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France (Doc. 15833)
<u>Resolution 2513 (2023)</u>	Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance (Doc. 15825)
<u>Resolution 2514 (2023)</u>	Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities (Doc. 15828)
<u>Resolution 2515 (2023)</u>	The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace (Doc. 15821)
<u>Resolution 2516 (2023)</u>	Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe (Doc. 15842)
<u>Resolution 2517 (2023)</u>	Humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh (Doc. 15840)
<u>Resolution 2518 (2023)</u>	Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala (Doc. 15841)
<u>Resolution 2519 (2023)</u>	Examining the legitimacy and legality of the <i>ad hominem</i> term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation (Doc. 15827)
<u>Resolution 2520 (2023)</u>	Preventing addictive behaviours in children (Doc. 15830)
<u>Resolution 2521 (2023)</u>	Mental health and well-being of children and young adults (Doc. 15829)
<u>Resolution 2522 (2023)</u>	The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees (Doc. 15831)

All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

## II. Hearings and exchanges of views organised during the part-session

Monday 9 October 2023	
<p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons</p> <p><b>13:30 – 14:00 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “Diasporas and access to media and means of social communication”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. António Raúl Reis, Head of Unit at the Publications Office of the EU, European Commission; CEO of Bom Dia Luxembourg – online information to the Portuguese speaking communities; President of Plataforma, Platform for Portuguese Media Organizations Abroad</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 October 2023	
<p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><b>08:30 am – 10:30 am</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “Cultural heritage and climate”, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), with the online participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Tero Mustonen, Professor of human geography, Finland, and lead author of the 6th assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Joint hearing</b> on “Dialogue with the representatives of the Russian democratic forces sharing the Council of Europe values, follow-up to Assembly <u>Resolutions 2433 (2022)</u> and <u>2473 (2022)</u><sup>[1]</sup>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statement by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>- Hearing with representatives of Russian democratic forces, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Natalia Arno, President of the Free Russia Foundation</li> <li>- Mr Gennady Gudkov, former member of the Duma, Chairman of "For a Free Russia"</li> <li>- Mr Sergei Guriev, Russian Anti-War Committee, True Russia Project</li> <li>- Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of jailed Russian opposition leader and 2022 Václav Havel Prize laureate Vladimir Kara-Murza</li> <li>- Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Russian Anti-War Committee, Russian Action Committee (online)</li> <li>- Ms Ekaterina Shulman, political scientist, academic and commentator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

[1] In its [Resolution 2433 \(2022\)](#) “Consequences of the Russian Federation's continued aggression against Ukraine: role and response of the Council of Europe”, the Assembly resolved “to intensify its engagement with Belarusian and Russian civil society, human rights defenders, independent journalists, academia and democratic forces respecting the values and principles of the Organisation, including the territorial integrity of sovereign member States” (paragraph 18.2). Subsequently, in its [Resolution 2473 \(2022\)](#) “Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture”, the Assembly called on Council of Europe member States to “consider new initiatives to support Russian human rights defenders, democratic forces, free media and independent civil society that respect the values and principles of the Council of Europe, including the territorial integrity of sovereign member States” (paragraph 15.7).

<p>Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment</p> <p>and</p> <p>Informal group Women@PACE</p> <p><b>12:45 – 1:45 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “Breast cancer and the right to a healthy environment”, in the context of Pink October, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Carole MATHELIN, Head of the Surgery Department, ICANS (Cancer Institute of Strasbourg Europe)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 11 October 2023</b>	
<p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><b>10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Hearing</b> with Belarusian democratic forces, in the context of the report “Call for a national political reform process in Belarus” (Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Tatyana Kovalyonok, Razam Party</li> <li>- Ms Volha Aleinik, International Secretary, Belarusian Christian Democracy Organising Committee</li> <li>- Mr Ihar Barysau, Chairperson, Belarusian Social Democratic Party "Hramada"</li> <li>- Ms Tatyana Marynich, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Co-ordination Council</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><b>11:15 – 11:45 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “ECRI General Policy Recommendation on preventing and combating intolerance and discrimination against LGBTI people” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Michael Farrell, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in respect of Ireland.</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><b>11:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Hearing</b> on “Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress” in the context of a report prepared by Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, EC/DA), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Pablo De Greiff, Director, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law; Commissioner, UN Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine; former UN Special Rapporteur for the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (2012-2018)</li> <li>- Mr Igor Cvetkovski, Senior Advisor on Reparations and Transitional Justice International Organization for Migration</li> <li>- Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe</li> </ul>

<b>Thursday 12 October 2023</b>	
<p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p> <p><b>8:30 am – 10:00 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Joint Hearing</b> on “Human rights and humanitarian situation of Karabakh Armenians and international obligations of Azerbaijan”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Thomas de Waal, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe, London, United Kingdom (online)</li> <li>- Mr Andreas Wissner, Representative, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg</li> <li>- Prof. Dr. Björn Schiffbauer, Professor of Public Law, European and International Law, University of Rostock, Germany</li> </ul>
<p>Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment</p> <p><b>9:30 – 10:30 am</b> <b>Room 11 Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “Follow-up to the Reykjavík Summit: prospects for the Reykjavík process, including the setting up of an intergovernmental Committee on environment and human rights (Reykjavík Committee)”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>- Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p>and</p> <p>Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe</p> <p><b>10:30 – 11:30 am</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Banning “conversion practices” for LGBTI persons: a human rights imperative”</b>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons</p> <p><b>10:30 – 12:30</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on “Immigration, one of the answers to Europe's demographic aging”</b> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Xavier Devictor, Co-Director for the World Development, Report 2023, The World Bank</li> </ul>

<p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><b>11:00 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “Legal and Human Rights consequences of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine”, in the context of the preparation of a report prepared by Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr James Goldston, Executive Director, Open Society Foundations, Justice Initiative, New York, United States of America, on recent developments regarding the ad hoc international criminal tribunal for the crime of aggression</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><b>11:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on “Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse”, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea (Romania, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ambassador Aloisia Wörgetter, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe, Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF)</li> </ul>
<p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><b>11:45 am – 12:30 pm</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views</b> on the “Situation of human rights defenders in Europe”. In the context of an information note prepared by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe</li> </ul>

### III. Meetings of the Bureau (9 and 13 October 2023)

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday 9 October 2023, in Strasbourg, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communications by the President of the Assembly, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General;
- **Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit:** took note of the information provided;
- **Fourth part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 9-13 October):**
  - o Requests for debates under urgent procedure: took note of the requests to hold debates on:
    - *Humanitarian Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh*, requested by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and to refer the matter to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons for report;
    - *Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report;
    - *Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe*, tabled by the ALDE group, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter for report to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, and to hold this debate jointly with the report on *The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace*;
  - o Requests for current affairs debates: took note of the requests to hold debates on:
    - *Migrants’ deaths at sea*, tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, and decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;



- *Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC) as the first speaker;
- *The situation in the North of Kosovo\* following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Lord BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as the first speaker;
- Draft agenda: updated the draft agenda (Appendix 1);
- Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights: took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges following interviews with candidates for the post of a judge in respect of Serbia, including its recommendation to reject the list, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report ([Doc. 15834 Add. 2](#));
- Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 10 October 2023): prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 June – 8 October 2023)**: approved the Progress report ([Doc. 15834](#));
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 2, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Election observation**
  - Poland: parliamentary elections (15 October 2023): took note of the statement by the observation mission;

**The Bureau of the Assembly**, meeting on Friday 13 October 2023, in Strasbourg:

- **Communication**: took note of the statement by the President of the Assembly;
- **Follow-up to the fourth part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 9-13 October)**:
  - approved the follow-up proposals made by the Secretary General of the Assembly to texts adopted by the Assembly, as set out in Appendix 3;
  - took note of the President's proposal, supported by the Presidential Committee, to establish a regular contact platform for dialogue with representatives of Russian democratic forces who share Council of Europe values, fully respect Ukraine's territorial integrity and condemn the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine;
  - took note that the President would address a letter to the Venice Commission requesting for its opinion on the legislative framework and practice on targeted surveillance of all member States, as decided by the Assembly in its Resolution 2513 (2023) on "Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance";
- **Meeting of the Standing Committee in Vaduz (28 November 2023)**: took note of the draft agenda;
- **Follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit**: took note of the information provided;
- **References and transmissions to committees**: approved the references and transmissions as set out in Appendix 4, subject to ratification by the Assembly;
- **Issues raised by committees:**

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- Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: took note of the letter by the committee, decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in a PACE co-operation event on “The situation of the children of Ukraine”, on 15 December 2023, in Paris;
- Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: considered and approved the terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on Democracy, and took note that the mandate would start in January 2024 (Appendix 5);
- **Election observation:**
  - Serbia: early parliamentary election (17 December 2023, tbc): subject to receiving an invitation and the confirmation of the date, decided to observe these elections and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
- **Vigdís Prize for Women’s Empowerment:** took note of the letter by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and approved the designations of Mr Robert Biedron, Ms Sandra Konstatsky and Ms Iris Luarasi as the independent members of the Selection Panel;
- **2023 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November):** approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 6);
- **Conference on “Money and Democracy – an Uneasy Relationship” (Cologne, Germany, 7-8 December 2023):** approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and designated Mr Georges PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC) as its chairperson;
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (14 October 2023 – 21 January 2024):** appointed Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL) as rapporteur;
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - Lists of candidates in respect of Armenia, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Romania:** approved the lists of candidates in respect of these countries to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.

#### IV. Prizes

##### ➤ Europe Prize

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize will meet on 6 December 2023 in Paris.

##### ➤ Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The eleventh Václav Havel Human Rights Prize – which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights – has been awarded to imprisoned Turkish human rights defender, philanthropist and civil society activist Osman Kavala. The prize was presented to Mr Kavala’s wife, at a special ceremony on the opening day of the autumn plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

##### ➤ Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg on 11 and 12 October 2023, decided to propose to the Bureau of the Assembly the following three persons, with recognised standing in the field of women’s empowerment, to be independent members to compose the Selection Panel of the Prize: Mr Robert Biedroń, former member of the Polish delegation to the PACE, member of the European Parliament and current Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) in the European Parliament; Ms Sandra Konstatzky, Head of the Austrian Ombud for Equal Treatment and Ms Iris Luarasi, former President of the Group of Experts on action against violence against women and domestic violence (GREVIO). The Bureau of the Assembly, on 13 October 2023, approved their designation.

## V. Future activities of Committees and Networks

➤ On 20 October 2023, the **ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will participate in the Conference on “Inter-parliamentary dialogue to further promote the European integration of the Western Balkans” in Skopje.

➤ On 13 November 2023, in Zagreb, the **Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights** (open to all members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

. will hold an exchange of views on *Croatian implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* with the participation of Ms Štefica Stažnik, Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights, Croatian Government

. will hold a hearing on *Holding Governments to account for implementing judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: the role of national parliamentarians and the Parliamentary Assembly* in the context of the *Reykjavik follow-up: The role of the Parliamentary Assembly and national parliamentarians in improving the timely and effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* with the participation of :

- Mr Petr Konůpka, Government representative of the Czech Republic before the European Court of Human Rights
- Ms Clare Brown, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe
- Ms Simona Drenik Bavdek, Counsellor to the Ombudsman and Assistant Head of the Centre for Human Rights, Slovenia

. will hold a hearing on *Proposing and driving through the reforms needed to implement judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – the role for parliamentarians* in the context of the *Reykjavik follow-up: The role of the Parliamentary Assembly and national parliamentarians in improving the timely and effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* with the participation of :

- Ms Maja Moračanin, Member of Parliament, North Macedonia
- Ms Bojana Nikolin, Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe

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. will hold an exchange of views on *The case for a Network of country-specific representatives/General rapporteurs from the Parliamentary Assembly on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* in the context of the *Reykjavik follow-up: The role of the Parliamentary Assembly and national parliamentarians in improving the timely and effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* with a presentation by Mr Constantinos Efstathou (Cyprus, SOC)

. will hold an exchange of views on *Defamation cases: the need for legislative reform* in the context of the *Reykjavik follow-up: The role of the Parliamentary Assembly and national parliamentarians in improving the timely and effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights* with the participation of Ms Ioulietta Bisiouli, Director of the European Implementation Network

. will hold an exchange of views on *Hate crime cases: The need for legislation criminalising hate crime and the importance of effective investigations* in the context of the *Reykjavik follow-up: The role of the Parliamentary Assembly and national parliamentarians in improving the timely and effective implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*.

- On 30 November 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**
  - . will hold a hearing on *Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD), political group) with the participation of invited experts;
  - . will hold a hearing on the *Situation of Human Rights Defenders* (focussing on Whistle-blowers) in the context of an information note prepared by the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers, Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of invited experts.
- On 1 December 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**
  - . following the transmission of a list of candidates by the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly, will conduct the interviews of the candidates for the position of Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
  - . will hold a hearing on "Sanctions of persons on the "Kara-Murza list"" in the context of a report prepared by Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, (Estonia, ALDE) with the participation of experts.
- On 6 December 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** will hold a hearing on "*Long Covid*" and access to the right to health, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Romilda Zarb (Malta, SOC).
- On 8 December 2023, in Paris, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . will hold an exchange of views on *Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures in Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE), with the participation of Mr Hugh Chetwynd, Head of Division, Secretariat of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) of the Council of Europe, and of Mr Adriano Silvestri, Head of Migration and Asylum Sector – Justice, Digital and Migration Unit, Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union (FRA);
  - . will hold an exchange of views on *Missing migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers: a call to clarify their fate*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Julian Pahlke (Germany, SOC) with the participation of Pr. Catarina Cattaneo, Full Professor of Legal Medicine and Anthropology, University of Milan, and with Ms Susan Hitchin, Coordinator of the DNA Unit, Forensics & Police Data Management Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL (tbc).
- On 8 December 2023, in Paris, the Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration of the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**
  - . will hold an exchange of views with the participation of invited experts.

## VI. Election observation missions

- An election observation delegation of the PACE observed the parliamentary elections in Poland (15 October 2023) in the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM) including ODIHR and the OSCE PA (press statement available [here](#)).
- On 13 October, the Bureau of the Assembly, subject to receiving an invitation and to the confirmation of the date, decided to observe the early parliamentary election in Serbia (17 December 2023, tbc) and to set up an ad hoc committee to that end composed of 20 members (SOC-6; EPP/CD-6; ALDE-4; EC/DA-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission.

## VII. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

### ➤ *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia*

**Mr Kimmo Kiljunen** (Finland, SOC) and **Ms Boriana Åberg** (Sweden, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia on **6-8 November 2023**.

### ➤ *The Detention of the ‘socially maladjusted’*

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Portugal on **20-22 November 2023**.

### ➤ *Ensuring safe, healthy and sustainable food for all*

**Mr Simon Moutquin** (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine in **December 2023 (to be confirmed)**.

## VIII. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports

### ➤ *Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis*

**Ms Yulia Ovchynnykova** (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development* will hold online meetings with International Maritime Organization (IMO) officials in November-December 2023

## IX. Cooperation with the Committee of Ministers

➤ On Thursday 12 October 2023, Ambassador Aloisia Wörgetter, Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe, Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF), participated in an exchange of views on “Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse” in the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media.

## X. Cooperation with the Venice Commission

➤ Legal advice was provided to the PACE delegation by representatives of the Venice Commission for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Poland on 15 October 2023.

➤ 79<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Venice Commission’s Council for Democratic Elections in Venice (Italy) on 14 December 2023, the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights’ representative, Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD) is foreseen to attend this meeting.

➤ 137<sup>th</sup> Plenary session of the Venice Commission (15-16 December 2023) in Venice (Italy): the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights’ representative, Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC) is foreseen to attend this meeting.

➤ In its [Resolution 2513 \(2023\) on Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance](#), - paragraph 15 - the Assembly asked “the Venice Commission to assess the legislative framework and practice on targeted surveillance of all member States (in priority Poland, Hungary, Greece, Spain and Azerbaijan; and then Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and all the other member States), in order to assess if such framework contains adequate and effective guarantees against any possible abuse of spyware, having regard to the Convention and other Council of Europe standards. Given the level of intrusiveness of Pegasus and similar spyware, clear and precise legislation, robust oversight mechanisms, procedural guarantees and effective remedies must be in place before member States can continue using those tools”.

## XI. External relations

### - Relations with other international partners

- On **6 December 2023** in Dubai (UAE), representatives of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development will participate in the parliamentary meeting organised by the IPU (Inter-Parliamentary Union) during the COP28 (United Nations Conference on Climate Change).

## XII. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **20 October 2023 - Skopje:** *ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **13 and 14 November 2023 - Zagreb,** *Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **27 November 2023 – Vaduz:** *Bureau*
- . **27 November 2023 – Vaduz:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **28 November 2023 – Vaduz:** *Standing Committee*
- . **30 November and 1 December 2023 - Paris:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **4-5 December 2023 - Rome:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe*
- . **4-5 December 2023 - Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **6 December 2023 - Paris:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize and the Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment.*
- . **7 December 2023 - Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **8 December 2023 - Paris:** *Committee Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons.,*
- . **12 December 2023 – Paris:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **13 December 2023 – Paris:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **13 December 2023 – Paris:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **14 December 2023 – Paris:** *Bureau*
- . **16 December 2023 – Venice:** *Presidential Committee*

**Appendix 1 – Agenda of the fourth part of the Ordinary Session of 2023**



**Doc. 15822**  
11 October 2023

**Fourth part of the 2023 Ordinary Session (9-13 October 2023)**

**Agenda<sup>1</sup>**

The plenary sittings will be held in the European Parliament Hemicycle.

## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe





EC/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Members not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Joint Committee

Tuesday: 14:00-15:00

### Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:00-09:30

### Committees

Monday: 13:00-14:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:30

Tuesday: 10:30-12:30

Wednesday: 10:30-12:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:30

Thursday: 10:30-12:30

### Political groups

Monday: 09:30-12:00

Monday: 18:00-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:30



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## Monday 9 October 2023

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### Sitting No. 20 (14:30-17:30)

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

##### 1.1. Statement by the President

##### 1.2. Examination of credentials

- List of delegations:
  - o (Doc. 15839)

##### 1.3. Election of a Vice-President of the Assembly in respect of Türkiye (AS/Inf (2023) 02 rev2)

##### 1.4. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2023) 07 + Add.)

##### 1.5. Requests for debate:

- 1.5.1. Urgent procedure debate: "Humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh"
- 1.5.2. Urgent procedure debate: "Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala"
- 1.5.3. Current affairs debate: "Migrants' deaths at sea"
- 1.5.4. Urgent procedure debate: "Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe"
- 1.5.5. Current affairs debate: "Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel"
- 1.5.6. Current affairs debate: "The situation in the North of Kosovo\* following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation"<sup>2</sup>

##### 1.6. Adoption of the agenda

#### 2. Prize Award Ceremony (15:00-15:30)

##### 2.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>3</sup>

#### 3. Debate

##### 3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15834, Doc. 15834 Add 1, Doc. 15834 Add 2)

##### 3.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Montenegro (11 June 2023)

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Reinhold LOPATKA (Austria, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 15820)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 12:00)

#### 4. Current affairs debate

##### 4.1. The situation in the North of Kosovo\* following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 15:00)

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

3. See separate programme, AS/Inf (2023) 09.

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**Tuesday 10 October 2023**

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**Sitting No. 21** (15:30-20:00)

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**5. Question time** (15:30-16:00)**5.1. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 16:30)

**6. Debate****6.1. The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe**

Presentation by:

- o Mr Samad SEYIDOV (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15826)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 16:30)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 6 October, 15:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15826)

**7. Debate****7.1. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France**

Presentation by:

- o Ms Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15833)
- o Ms Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15833)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 9 October, 16:30)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 6 October, 15:30)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15833)

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**Wednesday 11 October 2023**

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**Sitting No. 22** (14:30-20:00)

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**8. Address** (14:30-15:30)**8.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers** Presentation by:

- o Mr Krišjānis KARIŅŠ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia and President of the Committee of Ministers

 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 19:00)**9. Current affairs debate****9.1. Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel** List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 19:00)**10. Debate****10.1. Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance** Presentation by:

- o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15825)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 19:00) Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 9 October, 14:30) Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15825)**11. Debate****11.1. Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities** Presentation by:

- o Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15828)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 10 October, 19:00) Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 9 October, 14:30) Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15828)

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**Thursday 12 October 2023**


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**Sitting No. 23** (14:30-20:00)**12. Address** (14:30-15:30)**12.1. Mr Didier REYNERS**, European Commissioner for Justice

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 19:00)

**13. Joint debate under urgent procedure****13.1. The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace**

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15821)
- Mr Claude KERN (France, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Mon (Doc. 15824)

**13.2. Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe**

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15842)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 14:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15821)

🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15842)

**14. Debate under urgent procedure****14.1. Humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh**

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15840)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 14:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15840)

**15. Debate under urgent procedure****15.1. Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala**

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15841)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 11 October, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 14:30)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15841)

**Debate**

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 10 October, 14:30)

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## Friday 13 October 2023

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### Sitting No. 24 (10:00-13:00)


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#### 16. Debate

##### 16.1. Examining the legitimacy and legality of the ad hominem term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15827)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 19:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 10:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15827)


#### 17. Joint debate


##### 17.1. Preventing addictive behaviours in children


- Presentation by:
  - o Ms Diana STOICA (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15830)


##### 17.2. Mental health and well-being of children and young adults

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Simon MOUTQUIN (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15829)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 19:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 10:00)


 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15830)


 Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15829)


#### 18. Debate

##### 18.1. The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees

- Presentation by:
  - o Mr Birgir THÓRARINSSON (Iceland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15831)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 12 October, 19:00)

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 11 October, 10:00)

 Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15831)

#### 19. Progress report (continued)

##### 19.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

- Addendum:
  - o (Doc. 15834 Add 3)

#### 20. Closure of the part-session

## Appendix 2 – References and transmissions to committees

### 1. References to committees

- Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, Motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15810](#): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*
- The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy, Motion for a resolution, [Doc. 15812](#): reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*, transmission to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Sanctions of persons on the “Kara-Murza list”* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Addressing the social and economic effects of sanctions”*

### 2. Replies after consultation

- Strengthening the protection of biodiversity in Europe through sustainable and fair financing of the Bern Convention, [Doc. 15727](#), Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Liliana Tanguy and other members of the Assembly: transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *to be taken into account in the framework of the report on “Mainstreaming the human right to a safe, clean, healthy, and sustainable environment with the Reykjavík process”*
- The detention of Julian Assange and its chilling effects on human rights, [Doc. 15777](#), Motion for a resolution tabled by Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir and other members of the Assembly: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*.

### 3. Requests for extension of references

- Child abuse in Europe: addressing, compensation and prevention, [Doc. 15390](#): extension until 24 January 2025
- “Long Covid” and access to the right to health, [Doc. 15416](#): extension until 24 January 2025.

**Appendix 3 – Follow-up to the fourth part-session of 2023 (Strasbourg, 9-13 October)**

**Debate on “The situation in the North of Kosovo\* following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation”**

- ❖ Follow up: decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Political Affairs and democracy for information

**Debate on “Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel”**

- ❖ Follow up: decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on this issue to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on “Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?”

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#### Appendix 4 – References and transmissions to committees

- Self-determination and territorial integrity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Doc. 15816: transmission to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for consultation*
- Sustainable European guidelines to counter social dumping and strengthen collective bargaining mechanisms, Doc. 15823: reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*





## Appendix 5 - General rapporteur on democracy: Terms of reference<sup>2</sup>

**Denomination:** General rapporteur on democracy

**Term of office:** One year, renewable once

**Mandate:** The general rapporteur on democracy ensures the visibility and coherence of the Assembly's actions to strengthen democracy, counter its backsliding and promote innovative practices to enhance citizens' trust in democratic institutions and their participation in political decision-making, in line with the Reykjavik Principles of Democracy and the approach endorsed by the Heads of State and Government at the Fourth Council of Europe Summit (16-17 May 2023).

**Responsibilities:** The role of the general rapporteur is to:

- *enhance the capacity of the Assembly to identify and address emerging trends, tools, initiatives, challenges, and opportunities in the area of democracy, and enhance the quality of democratic life;*
- *follow activities and maintain relations with the Council of Europe organs, bodies and structures which deal with issues relating to democracy and the delivery of the Reykjavik Principles for Democracy, representing the Assembly as appropriate;*
- *follow activities and maintain, when appropriate, relations with bodies and agencies of the United Nations, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and with other international governmental and inter-parliamentary organisations;*
- *contribute to promoting the role of the Assembly as a platform to promote exchange of best practice and innovations in the area of democracy, establishing dialogue with civil society and non-governmental organisations with special expertise in this field, in Europe and beyond;*
- *enhance the external visibility and outreach of the work and role of the Assembly on democracy, including the follow-up and promotion of adopted resolutions and recommendations of the Assembly and, in appropriate cases, make public statements, launch appeals, or propose to do so to the committee.*

The general rapporteur on democracy periodically reports to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy.

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<sup>2</sup> Terms of reference approved by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on 9 October 2023.

**Appendix 6 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the 2023 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 6-8 November)**

**Chairperson / Président**

Mr Tiny KOX – President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire

**Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie**

Mr / M. Reinhold LOPATKA (Austria, EPP/CD)

Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC)

Ms / Mme Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine, ALDE)

**Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme**

Mr / M. Ziya ALTUNYALDIZ (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

Mr / M. Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ALDE)

Mr / M. Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC / Chypre, SOC)

Mr / M. Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC)

Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO (Ukraine, CE/AD / Ukraine, EC/DA)

Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN (Spain EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Zeynep YILDIZ (Türkiye, NR / Türkiye, NI)

**Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)**

Mr / M. Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC)

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy, ALDE / Italie, ADLE)

**Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable**

Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD / Arménie, PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Ada MARRA (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)

Mr / M. Simon MOUTQUIN (Belgium, SOC / Belgique, SOC)

**Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias**

Mr / M. Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan, ALDE / Azerbaïdjan, ADLE)

Ms / Mme Mia KARAMEHIC-ABAZOVIC (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR / Bosnie Herzégovine, NI)

Ms / Mme Nina KASIMATI (Greece, UEL / Grèce, GUE)

Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE / Ukraine, ADLE)

Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC / Autriche, SOC)

Ms / Mme Eka SEPASHVILI (Georgia, EC/DA / Géorgie, CE/AD)

**Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission sur l'égalité et sur la non-discrimination**

Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland, ALDE / Suisse, ADLE)

Ms / Mme Mariia MEZENTSEVA (Ukraine, EPP/CD / Ukraine, PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy, SOC / Italie, SOC)

**Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons / Commission des migrations, des réfugiés et des personnes déplacées**

Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ (Switzerland, SOC / Suisse, SOC)