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To the members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 23, 24, 25 and 26 January 2023

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 23, 24, 25 and 26 January 2023:

- on Monday 23 January 2023 at 2.15pm, with Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, EC/DA), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected, by acclamation, Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE) as Chairperson, Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD) as 1st Vice-Chairperson, Ms Margreet de Boer (Netherlands, SOC) as 2nd Vice-Chairperson and Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as 3rd Vice-Chairperson;

Then with Mr Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Constitution of Sub-Committees:** agreed to constitute the Committee's current three sub-committees for 2023, namely:
 - i. Sub-Committee on Human Rights
 - ii. Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
 - iii. Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;
- **Appointment of representatives of the Committee:** agreed to propose to the Bureau that the following members and substitutes be appointed to represent the Committee at meetings of the following bodies in 2023 in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation:
 - i. European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) – titular
Mr Serhii Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) - substitute
 - ii. Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission)
Mr. Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD) - titular
Ms Khatia Dekanoidze (Georgia, EPP/CD) - substitute
 - iii. Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
Mr Titus Corlatean (Romania, SOC) – titular
Ms Elena-Simona Spătaru (Romania, ALDE) - substitute

- iv. Moneyval
 - Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD) - titular
 - Ms Klotilda Bushka (Albania, SOC) - substitute
- v. Committee of Experts on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV)
 - Ms Sunna Aevardottir (Iceland, SOC) – titular
 - Mr Ziya Altunyaldiz (Turkey, NR)- substitute
- ***Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, the Netherlands, EPP/CD*)- took position on 10 amendments to the draft resolution and 3 to the draft recommendation;
- **on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 8.30am**, as regards:
- ***Appointment of rapporteurs:***
 - *Sanctions of persons on the "Kara-Murza list"* (Doc. 15632) appointed Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE, as Rapporteur and heard from him a statement of no conflict of interest;
 - *General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders*: appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Aevardottir for a second year (general rapporteurship now based on the newly revised mandate including protection of whistle-blowers, as agreed in committee on 14 November 2022 and approved by the Bureau on 28 November 2022);
- ***Composition of sub-committees:*** approved the composition as in the attached appendix.
 Then with Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson in the Chair, as regards:
- ***Debate under urgent procedure: “Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE*), considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **on Wednesday 25 January 2023 at 2pm**, as regards:
- ***The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): held an exchange of views regarding the situation pertaining to Hungary with the participation of:
 Mr Barna Zsigmond, Vice-Chairperson of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 Mr. Dávid Oravecz, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe;
- ***The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): held an exchange of views regarding the situation pertaining to Türkiye with the participation of:
 Mr Ahmet Yildiz, Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 Mr Hacı Ali Açıkgül, Head of Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, Ankara;
- ***The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): held an exchange of views regarding the situation pertaining to Ukraine with the participation of:
 Ms Mariia Mezentseva, Chairperson of the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 Ms Iryna Mudra, Deputy Minister of Justice, Ukraine
 Ms Sokorenko, government agent before the European Court of Human Rights;

The committee decided to declassify the information notes prepared by the rapporteur on Hungary, Türkiye and Ukraine.

- ***The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 11th report*** (Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC): took note of mission reports by the Rapporteur concerning his recent fact-finding visits to Romania and Azerbaijan, and agreed to declassify them;
- **on Thursday 26 January 2023 at 8.30am**, with, first, Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:
- ***Debate under urgent procedure: Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*** (Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE): took position on 7 amendments to the draft resolution;

Then with Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:

- ***Other business:***
 - Agreed to propose to the Bureau that a second ad hoc sub-committee be established to visit Ukraine in the near future;
 - Agreed to the proposal of Mr Vladimir Vardanyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) to add a point to the agenda of the meeting on 22 March 2023 concerning the blockade of the Lachin corridor;
- **on Thursday 26 January 2023 at 2pm**, with, first, Mr Davor Ivo Stier (Croatia, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:
- ***Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law*** (Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE): took position on 5 amendments to the draft resolution;

Then with Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:

- ***Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc:*** took note of a written report prepared by the committee representative, Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC), regarding the 75th Meeting of the Council of Democratic Elections, Venice, 15 December 2022;
- ***Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2023:*** made a call for nominations, noted the deadline of 30 April 2023 and that details are available on the [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website](#) ;
- ***Hearings during the next meeting:*** agreed to hold the following hearings, during the next meeting with invited experts, subject to the availability of funds and that they be open to the public;
 - *UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European human rights protection:* (Rapporteur: Mr Kamal Jafarov, Azerbaijan, EC/DA)
 - *Allegations of systemic torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in places of detention in Council of Europe member States* (Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC)
 - *Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăteanu, Romania, SOC);
- ***Other business:***
 - Agreed to the declassification of the introductory memorandum on “*UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European human rights protection:*” (Rapporteur: Mr Kamal Jafarov, Azerbaijan, EC/DA);
 - Sub-committees: accepted the application of Ms Nadejda Iordanova (Bulgaria, NR) for membership to the Sub-committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights and the Sub-committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

- **Next meetings:** confirmed the external meeting would be held on 22-23 May 2023 in Cyprus¹, following the Bureau's approval on 9 December 2022;
- 22 March 2023, Paris Office
- during the Assembly's 2nd part-session of 2023 (24-28 April 2023)
- 22-23, May 2023, Larnaca, Cyprus
- during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2023 (19-23 June 2023)
- 6 September 2023, Paris Office (t.b.c.)
- during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2023 (9-13 October 2023)
- 1 December 2023, Paris Office (t.b.c.)

Günter Schirmer, Guillem Cano-Palomares, Agnieszka Szklanna, Eleanor Hourigan

cc:

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 Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
 Director of Communication
 Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

¹ The meeting place in Cyprus has since been changed from Limassol to Larnaca.

Appendix
30 January 2023

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

Sub-Committee on Human Rights (29 seats)
Sous-commission des Droits de l'Homme (29 sièges)
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1.	Mr	ALTUNYALDIZ Ziya	Turkey/ Turquie	Mr ÇETİN Cemal
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8.	Ms	DECROIX Eva	Czech Republic/République tchèque	
9.	Mrs	FILIPOVSKI Dubravka	Serbia/ Serbie	Ms PANTIC PILJA Biljana
10.	Ms	GASIUK-PIHOWICZ Kamila	Poland/Pologne	
11.	M.	GATTOLIN André	France	Mr VALLINI André
12.	Mr	GONCHARENKO Oleksii	Ukraine	
13.	Ms	HIGGINS Emer	Ireland / Irlande	Mr PRINGLE Thomas
14.	Mr	JAFAROV Kamal	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Mr GADIRLI Erkin
15.	Mr	KLEINWAECHTER Norbert	Germany/Allemagne	Mr ABRAHAM Knut
16.	Mr	LAMUÀ Marc	Spain/Espagne	Ms SUMELZO Susana
17.	M.	MATHIEU Frédéric	France	
18.	Mr	MEREZHKO Oleksandr	Ukraine	Mr. KALCHENKO Serhii
19.	Mr	MIKANADZE Givi	Georgia/Géorgie	Ms DEKANOIDZE Khatia
20.	Ms	MODERT Octavie	Luxembourg	
21.	Ms	MUNCH Charlotte	Denmark/Danemark	
22.	Ms	ROCHA FERREIRA, Catarina	Portugal	
23.	Mr	SAVICKAS Lukas	Lithuania/Lithanie	
24.	Mr	SEKULIĆ Predrag	Montenegro/ Monténégro	
25.	Mr	ŚMISZEK Krzysztof	Poland/Pologne	
26.	Mr	STYLIANIDIS Evripidis	Greece/Grèce	Mr KATROUGKALOS Georgios
27.	Ms	VAN VAERENBERGH Kristien	Belgium/Belgique	Ms WILMES Sophie
28.	Mr	VARDANYAN Vladimir	Armenia/Arménie	
29.	Mr	ZINGERIS Emanuelis	Lithuania/Lituanie	

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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme
Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
(29 seats)

Sous-commission sur la mise en œuvre des arrêts de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme
(29 sièges)

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6.	Ms	DECROIX Eva	Czech Republic/République tchèque	
7.	Lord	KEEN Richard	United Kingdom/ Royaume-Uni	Sir LEIGH Edward
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9.	Mr	EFSTATHIOU Constantinos	Cyprus/Chypre	
10.	Ms	GASIUK-PIHOWICZ Kamila	Poland/Pologne	
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12.	Mr	GUTIÉRREZ PIETRO Sergio	Spain/Espagne	
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14.	Mr	JAFAROV Kamal	Azerbaijan/ Azerbaïdjan	Mr GADIRLI Erkin
15.	Mr	KUHLE Konstantin	Germany/Allemagne	Mr MIJATOVIĆ Boris
16.	Mr	LLOYD Tony	United Kingdom/Royaume-Uni	
17.	Ms.	LÓPEZ Eva	Andorra/Andorre	
18.	Ms	LOVOCHKINA Yuliya	Ukraine	
19.	Mr	MATHIEU Frédéric	France	Mr CALVET François
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21.	Ms	PANTIC PILJA Biljana	Serbia/Serbie	
22.	Mr	PRINGLE Thomas	Ireland/Irlande	
23.	Mr	SAID Chris	Malta/Malte	
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Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
(29 seats)

Sous-commission sur l'intelligence artificielle et les droits de l'homme (29 sièges)

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