



General Rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus: Terms of reference¹

Denomination: General Rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus

Term of office: Two years, renewable once (rule 50.7 of the Rules of procedure)

Mandate: The General Rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus ensures the visibility and coherence of the Assembly's action to support a democratic future for Belarus.

Responsibilities: The role of the general rapporteur is to:

- *enhance the capacity of the Assembly to identify, address and react to developments in relation to Belarus, and for advancing a democratic future for Belarus;*
- *promote the establishment of a structured dialogue between the Assembly and the Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, the United Transitional Cabinet, the Coordination Council and their respective structures;*
- *maintain relations with the Council of Europe organs, bodies and structures conducting work related to Belarus and follow their relevant activities, representing the Assembly as appropriate;*
- *work and co-ordinate relevant actions with the Assembly's General Rapporteur for political prisoners, the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, and the General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty;*
- *contribute to enhancing the role of the Assembly as a platform to promote a democratic future for Belarus, establishing dialogue with member State Special Representatives to Belarusian democratic forces, civil society and non-governmental organisations with special expertise in this field, in Europe and beyond;*
- *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;*
- *enhance the external visibility and outreach of the work and role of the Assembly on Belarus, 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.*

¹ As approved by the Bureau of the Assembly and ratified by the Assembly in plenary during the 2024 April part-session.