

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance¹

Denomination: General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance.

Term of office: one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years.

Subject: it is the duty of the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance to intervene in the areas of racism, intolerance, hate speech, racist violence and racial discrimination.

Responsibilities: the General Rapporteur contributes to raising awareness on the need to combat racism and intolerance, following relevant developments in Council of Europe member states. He/she shall report periodically to the Committee on the information collected and the action taken.

The General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance also ensures the co-ordination of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

In addition, the role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- follow activities and maintain working relations with relevant Council of Europe intergovernmental and monitoring bodies dealing with racism, intolerance, hate speech, racist violence and racial discrimination;
- follow activities and maintain working relations with national parliaments as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations working on racism, hatred and intolerance;
- contribute to giving visibility to the work of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination in the area of combating racism, hatred and intolerance;
- follow up on relevant resolutions and recommendations by the Parliamentary Assembly, such as Resolution 2457 (2022) on “Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism in Europe”, Resolution 2447 (2022) on “Preventing and combating antisemitism in Europe”, Resolution 2443 (2022) on “The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society”, Resolution 2389 (2021) on “Combating Afrophobia, or anti-Black racism, in Europe”, Resolution 2153 (2017) on “Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers”, Resolution 2144 (2017) and Recommendation 2098 (2017) on “Ending cyberdiscrimination and

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online hate”, Resolution 2106 (2016) on Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe, Resolution 2069 (2015) on “Recognising and preventing neo-racism”, Resolution 1967 (2014) and Recommendation 2032 (2014) on “A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe” and Resolution 1968 (2014) on “Tackling racism in the police”.