

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Work Programme

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A. Bureau of the committee

Chairperson: ...

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B. Meetings of the committee in 2023

Date	Place	List of decisions
23-27 January 1 st part-session	Strasbourg	
20 March	Paris	
24-28 April 2 nd part-session	Strasbourg	
11-12 May	Seville, Spain Subject to the authorisation of the Bureau	
19-23 June 3 rd part-session	Strasbourg	
12-13 September <i>tbc</i>	Paris	
9-13 October 4 th part-session	Strasbourg	
12 December	Paris	

C. Reports debated in 2023

D. Reports under preparation

1. Institutional matters

ASSESSING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY

Rapporteur: Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD), appointed on 14.11.2019

Origin: Doc. 14942, Reference 4468 of 30.09.2019

Expiry date for adoption: 30.09.2021, extended until 30.03.2022, until 30.09.2022, and until 30.09.2023

State of work:

- **10 December 2020** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur followed by a statement by Ambassador Rémi Mortier, Permanent Representative of Monaco, Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Committee of Ministers, on the Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy and held an exchange with representatives of Partner for Democracy delegations of Morocco and Palestine.
- **June 2022 part-session** – The committee decided to request an extension of the validity of the reference until 30 September 2023. The Bureau of the Assembly approved this request at its meeting of 24 June 2022.
- **25 October 2022** – The Rapporteur carried out a fact-finding visit to Rabat in the framework of the preparation of her report.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A “YOUTH PARTNER” STATUS WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Rapporteur: Mr Anastasios Chatzivasilieiou (Greece, EPP/CD), appointed on 28.09.2021

Committee seized for opinion:

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Inka Hopsu (Finland, SOC), appointed on 21.06.2021

Origin: Doc. 15262, Reference 4582 of 28.05.2021

Expiry date for adoption: 28.05.2023

State of work:

- **6 December 2021** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur followed by an exchange of views.
- **October 2022 part-session** – The Committee authorised the Rapporteur to participate in the Conference organised by the German PACE delegation: “Democracy and human rights in times of crisis – the contribution of young people in Europe”, 30 November – 2 December 2022, Berlin (at no cost for the Assembly).
- **30 November-2 December 2022** – The Rapporteur participated in the Conference “Democracy and human rights in times of crisis – the contribution of young people in Europe” in Berlin, in the framework of the preparation of his report.
- **13 December 2022** – The committee held a hearing with the participation of Mr Spyros Papadatos, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) of the Council of Europe, and Mr Roger Padreny, Member of parliament of Andorra, Member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly network of young parliamentarians; heard a report back by the Rapporteur on his participation in the Conference on “Democracy and human rights in times of crisis – the contribution of young people in Europe”, held on 30 November – 2 December 2022 in Berlin; considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to declassify it.

A FOURTH SUMMIT FOR A RENEWED, IMPROVED AND REINFORCED COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Rapporteur: Ms Fiona O’Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), appointed on 23.04.2022

Origin: Doc. 15533, Reference 4650 of 31.05.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 28.05.2024

State of work:

- **June 2022 part-session** – The committee appointed, by acclamation, Ms Fiona O’Loughlin (Ireland, ALDE), Rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest.
- **12 September 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur; held a hearing with the participation of Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and Chairperson of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the fourth Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe; and considered an outline report.
- **October 2022 part-session** - The Committee considered and declassified an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views.

- **25 October 2022** – The Rapporteur participated in the debate on “The future of the Council of Europe and the role of the Congress therein” at the plenary sitting of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg.
- **27 October 2022** – The Rapporteur participated (by videoconference) in the meeting of the GT-SOM4 Ad hoc Working Party to reflect on the organisational and other arrangements for a possible 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe.
- **13 December 2022** – The committee considered a draft report; agreed with the Rapporteur’s proposal to change the title of the report to “The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges” and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation as amended.

THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN PREVENTING HUMAN SUFFERING RESULTING FROM INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS: DIFFERENT STAGES OF CONFLICT PREVENTION AND BEST PRACTICES TO BE EMPLOYED

Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE), appointed on 23.06.2022

Origin: Doc. 15479, Reference 4643 of 28.04.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 28.04.2024

State of work:

- **June 2022 part-session** – The committee appointed, by acclamation, Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest.
- **13 December 2022** – The committee considered an introductory memorandum.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), appointed on 13.10.2022

Origin: Doc. 15607, Reference 4683 of 10.10.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 10.10.2024

State of work:

- **13 December 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to the OECD Headquarters (Paris) at the beginning of 2023.

2. *Multilateral architecture*

THE NEED FOR RENEWED, EFFECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE MULTILATERALISM

Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), appointed on 28.09.2021

Origin: Doc. 15332, Reference 4601 of 27.09.2021

Expiry date for adoption: 27.09.2023

State of work:

- **September 2021 part-session** – The committee appointed Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD) rapporteur and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests.
- **16 March 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the rapporteur, took note of her proposal to invite the Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for a discussion on this issue to be organised during the meeting of the committee in Chania, Crete (Greece) on 16-17 May 2022, and held an exchange of views.
- **16-17 May 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and Mr Evangelos Venizelos, former Vice President of the Government and former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece.

INTERCONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL COMMUNITY

Rapporteur: to be appointed

Origin: Doc. 15635, Reference 4687 of 14.10.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 14.10.2024

State of work:

3. Political and democratic challenges in Europe

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY AND THE OPPOSITION IN A DEMOCRACY

Rapporteur: Sir Tony Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC), appointed on 28.09.2021

Former rapporteur: Ms Marija Golubeva (Latvia, ALDE), appointed on 23.09.2020

Origin: Doc.15047, Reference 4499 of 06.03.2020

Expiry date for adoption: 06.03.2022 extended until 09.09.2022 and until **06.03.2023**

State of work:

- **4 February 2021** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur and a presentation by Ms Regina Kiener, Vice-President of the Venice Commission and member of the Commission for Switzerland of the opinion on *Parameters on the relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy: a Checklist*.
- **June 2021 part-session** – Further to the resignation of Ms Marija Golubeva (Latvia, ALDE) the Committee called for candidates as rapporteur.
- **September 2021 part-session** – The committee appointed Sir Tony Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests.

CALL FOR FAMAGUSTA'S RETURN TO ITS LAWFUL INHABITANTS

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), appointed on 28.09.2021

Origin: Doc. 15333, Reference 4602 of 27.09.2021

Expiry date for adoption: **27.09.2023**

State of work:

- **September 2021 part-session** – The committee appointed Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) rapporteur and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests.
- **3-4 November 2021** – The committee authorised the Rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Cyprus in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the availability of funds).
- **16 March 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur, held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum and agreed to the request by the Rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Athens and Ankara in addition to an already authorised visit to Cyprus (subject to the availability of funds).
- **6-8 June 2022** - The Rapporteur carried out a fact-finding visit to Cyprus in the framework of the preparation of his report.
- **October 2022 part-session** – The Committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur following his fact-finding visit to Cyprus and held an exchange of views.

THE CHALLENGE OF FAR-RIGHT IDEOLOGY TO DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE

Rapporteur: Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), appointed on 28.09.2021

Origin: Doc. 15337, Reference 4606 of 27.09.2021

Expiry date for adoption: **27.09.2023**

State of work:

- **September 2021 part-session** – The committee appointed Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) Rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests.
- **16 March 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views.

THE SITUATION IN KOSOVO*

Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), appointed on 16.03.2022

Former rapporteur: Mr Peter Beyer (Germany, EPP/CD), appointed on 14.11.2019

Origin: Doc. 14921, Reference 4462 of 30.09.2019

Expiry date for adoption: 30.09.2021 extended until 30.03.2022 and until **30.09.2023**

Texts adopted by the Assembly on the basis of reports prepared by the committee: Res 2094 (2016); Res 1912 (2013) and Rec 2006 (2013); Res 1739 (2010), Rec 1923 (2010)

State of work:

* 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.

- **June 2019 part-session** – The committee considered and adopted a motion for a resolution which was subsequently tabled.
- **10 December 2020** – The committee took note of the bilateral meetings held in November and December, via videoconference, by the rapporteur in the framework of the preparation of his report.
- **16 March 2022** – The committee appointed, following a secret vote, Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests.
- **16-17 May 2022** – The committee decided to request that the Bureau of the Assembly grant an extension of the validity of the reference for a period of one year. The Bureau of the Assembly authorised this request at its meeting on 30 May 2022.
- **October 2022 part-session** – The Committee authorised the Rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Brussels (at no cost for the Assembly), to Belgrade and to Kosovo* (the Bureau of the Assembly authorised the visit to Kosovo at its meeting on 14 October).

SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE EAST MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Rapporteur: Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD), appointed on 10.12.2020

Origin: Doc. 15160, Reference 4540 of 12.10.2020

Expiry date for adoption: 12.10.2022 extended until **12.04.2023**

State of work:

- **June 2021 part-session** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur followed by an exchange of views.
- **6 December 2021** – The committee held a hearing with the participation of Admiral Pascal Ausseur, Director General, Mediterranean Foundation of Strategic Studies, Toulon (France).
- **April 2022 part-session** – The committee authorised the Rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Athens and Ankara, in the framework of the preparation of her report (subject to the availability of funds).
- **16-17 May 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur; held a hearing with the participation of Mr Andreas Nick, Senior Fellow at the Istanbul Policy Center of Sabancı University and Stiftung Mercator; and considered an outline report.
- **3 November 2022** – The Rapporteur carried out a fact-finding visit to Ankara in the framework of the preparation of her report.
- **9 - 10 November 2022** – The Rapporteur carried out a fact-finding visit to Athens in the framework of the preparation of her report.

CALL FOR A NATIONAL POLITICAL REFORM PROCESS IN BELARUS

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC), appointed on 23.09.2020

Committee seized for opinion:

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), appointed on 27.09.2021

Origin: Doc. 15130, Reference 4527 of 15.09.2020

Expiry date for adoption: 15.09.2022 extended until **15.03.2023**

State of work:

- **23 September 2020** – The committee heard a statement from the rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission.
- **4 February 2021** – The committee heard a statement by the rapporteur and agreed to his request to carry a fact-finding visit to Belarus, as appropriate (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly).
- **18 March 2021** – The Bureau of the Assembly authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Belarus, by the end of 2021, in the framework of the preparation of his report.
- **June 2021 part-session** – The committee took note of the motion for a resolution “Forced migration due to political repressions” (Doc. 15249), to be taken into account in the preparation of the report; held an exchange of views following a statement by the rapporteur; and, in addition to the fact-finding visit to Belarus which had already been authorised by the Bureau of the Assembly, authorised him to carry out fact-findings to meet relevant Belarusian political stakeholders living abroad (subject to the availability of funds).
- **September 2021 part-session** – The committee heard a statement by the rapporteur on recent developments and his fact-finding visit to meet relevant Belarusian political stakeholders living abroad, in Vilnius (Lithuania) on 1st and 2 September and in Warsaw (Poland) on 2 and 3 September 2021. The committee took note of the motion for a resolution on “Belarus state terrorism as a threat to the whole of Europe” (Doc. 15319) and the current affairs debate on “The situation in Belarus: a threat to the whole of Europe”, held during the June part-session 2021, to be taken into account in the preparation of the report.
- **6 December 2021** – The committee heard a statement by the rapporteur followed by an exchange of views; expressed broad support for the rapporteur’s proposal to hold a hearing on constitutional reform in Belarus during the January 2022 part-session with the participation of a representative of the Venice Commission, a representative of the Belarusian authorities and a representative of the Belarusian opposition

and asked the Rapporteur to explore, with the potential participants, the feasibility of holding such a hearing; furthermore, asked the Rapporteur to explore the feasibility of holding a hearing on an inclusive national political process in Belarus at a later stage, with the participation of representatives of the Belarusian parliament and of the opposition, and to come back to the committee with a proposal.

- **January 2022 part-session** – The committee held a hearing on constitutional reform in Belarus with the participation of Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Secretary, Secretariat of the Enlarged Agreement on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Mr Andrei Savinykh, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on International Affairs, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Liabedzka, Svetlana Tikhonovskaya's representative for constitutional reform and parliamentary co-operation, and Mr Alexander Shlyk, Special Representative of Svetlana Tikhonovskaya on Elections.

- **16 March 2022** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur concerning the constitutional reform in Belarus and the Venice Commission's urgent interim opinion on the issue. The rapporteur also informed the committee that he had received an invitation to visit Belarus, noting however that in view of paragraph 18.2 of the Assembly Opinion 300 (2022), the visit could not yet take place.

- **June 2022 part-session** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur and agreed with his proposal to change the title of the report to *Call for a national political reform process in Belarus* (previously *Call for an inclusive national political process in Belarus*).

- **12 September 2022** – The committee considered an introductory memorandum.

- **13 December 2022** – The committee held a hearing on “The situation of political prisoners in Belarus”, with the participation of Ms Tatsiana Khomich, human rights activist, sister of Ms Maria Kalesnikava, laureate of the 2021 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.

POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

Rapporteur: to be appointed

Origin: Bureau decision, Reference 4689 of 14.10.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 14.10.2024

State of work:

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE: A THREAT TO DEMOCRATIC SECURITY IN EUROPE

Rapporteur: to be appointed

Origin: Doc. 15605, Reference 4693 of 25.11.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 25.11.2024

State of work:

4. Political and democratic challenges outside Europe

STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

Rapporteur: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), appointed on 27.04.2022

Origin: Doc. 15448, Reference 4638 of 25.04.2022

Expiry date for adoption: 27.04.2024

State of work:

- **April 2022 part-session** – The committee appointed Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC) Rapporteur and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest.

- **June 2022 part-session** – The Sub-Committee on External Relations heard a statement by its Chairperson, also in his capacity as Rapporteur on the matter, and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Éctor Jaime Ramírez, member of the Observer delegation of Mexico to the Parliamentary Assembly.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN TUNISIA

Rapporteur: Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE), appointed on 29.09.2021

Origin: Doc. 15384, Reference 4615 of 30.09.2021

Expiry date for adoption: 30.09.2023

State of work:

- **September 2021 part-session** – The committee held a hearing with the participation of Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice

Commission); Ms Sophie Bessis, Historian and political scientist, specialist in the Maghreb; and Ms Pilar Morales Fernández-Shaw, Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis. The committee considered and unanimously adopted a motion for a resolution to be tabled on its behalf; and appointed Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) Rapporteur and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests.

- **3-4 November 2021** – The committee authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Tunisia in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau and the availability of funds).
- **25 November 2021** - The Bureau of the Assembly authorised the fact-finding visit.
- **June 2022 part-session** – The committee heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held a hearing with the participation of Ms Claire Bazy-Malaurie, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LIBYA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST: WHAT CONSEQUENCES FOR EUROPE?

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), appointed on 08.09.2020

Origin: Decision of the Bureau on 31.01.2020, Reference 4494 of 31.01.2020

Expiry date for adoption: 31.01.2022 extended until 31.07.2022 and until **31.01.2023**

State of work:

- **January 2020 part-session** – The committee held an open discussion on recent developments in the Middle East, on the situation in Libya and the consequences for Europe.
- **12 June 2020** – The Sub-Committee on the Middle East and Arab World, meeting via video conference, held a discussion as follow-up to the current affairs debate held in the Assembly on 30 January 2020.
- **8 September 2020** – The committee heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World, held an exchange of views on the follow up to the current affairs debate and the scope of the report.
- **23 September 2020** – The committee heard a statement by the rapporteur followed by an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Sharren Haskel, member of the Israeli Knesset.
- **4 February 2021** – The committee heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views.
- **28 May 2021** – The Standing Committee, on the proposal of the five political groups, held a current affairs debate on “The urgent need to relaunch the Middle East peace process and prevent a resurgence of violence”, with the rapporteur as the first speaker.
- **18 June 2021** – As a follow-up to the Standing Committee meeting on 28 May 2021, the Bureau of the Assembly decided to refer the issue of the current affairs debate to be taken into account in the preparation of this report.
- **3-4 November 2021** – The committee considered an outline for report.
- **October 2022 part-session** – The Committee heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised him to carry out a fact-finding visit to Israel and the Palestinian Territories in the context of the preparation of his report (the Bureau of the Assembly authorised this visit at its meeting on 14 October).

THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY SHOULD SUPPORT KAZAKHSTAN TO CONTINUE ITS DEMOCRATIC REFORMS

Rapporteur : Mr Alexander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD), appointed on 13.12.2022

Origin: Doc. 15569, Reference 4673 of 10.10.2022

Expiry date for adoption: **10.10.2024**

State of work:

- **13 December 2022** – The committee appointed, by acclamation, Mr Alexander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest.

E. Opinions under preparation

THE THEME OF MIGRATION AND ASYLUM IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND THE CONSEQUENCES ON THE WELCOMING AND RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS

Rapporteur (for opinion): **Mr Tural Ganjaliyev (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), appointed on 01.02.2022**

Rapporteur (for report) of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Ms Yolaine de Courson (France, ALDE)

Origin: Doc. 15415, Reference 4622 of 24.01.2022

Expiry date for adoption: **24.01.2024**

State of work:

F. Sub-committees

SUB-COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY

Chairperson: ...
Vice-Chairperson: ...

- **June 2022 part-session** – The sub-committee held an exchange of views on *Digital technologies and democracy*, with the participation of Professor Jeremy Pitt, Artificial Intelligence, Self-Organising Systems, Imperial College London, and Ms Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance of the Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Chairperson: ...
Vice-Chairperson: ...

- **June 2022 part-session** – The sub-committee heard a statement by Ambassador Manuel Montobbio, Permanent Representative of Spain, in his dual capacity as Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on External Relations of the Committee of Ministers (GR-EXT) and outgoing Chairperson, in respect of Spain, of the Executive Committee of North-South Centre (4 September 2018-17 June 2022), and held an exchange of views on *Council of Europe external relations and contribution to the international order and global governance, and to SDGs: State of play and perspectives, Stocktaking of Chairmanship of the Executive committee of the North South Centre*; heard a statement by its Chairperson, also in his capacity as Rapporteur on the matter, and held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Éctor Jaime Ramírez, member of the Observer delegation of Mexico to the Parliamentary Assembly on *Strengthening relations between the Council of Europe and Latin America*.
- **October 2022 part-session** – The Committee heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC), and took note that the next meeting of the Sub-Committee would be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 28 to 30 November 2022 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly).
- **28-30 November 2022** – The Sub-Committee held meetings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the occasion of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly with a number of high-level UN officials and representatives of Council of Europe member States to the UN.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE ARAB WORLD

Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

Chairperson: ...
Vice-Chairperson: ...

- **January 2022 part-session** – The sub-committee held an exchange of views on “Current dynamics in the Middle East and North Africa” with the participation of Mr Julien Barnes-Dacey, Director of the Middle East and North Africa programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations, Brussels.
- **13 September 2022** – In the framework of the committee meeting, the sub-committee heard a statement by Mr George Katrougalos, Chairperson of the sub-committee and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Bernardo Mariani, Consultant, Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform.

G. Institutional representation of the committee in 2023

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