



PACE Spring Session (18-22 April 2016)

Events

| Monday 18 April 2016 | |
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| <p>2–3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Exchange of views on “Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe”</p> <p>in the context of the opinion prepared by Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) on the report by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gilles Winckler, President of the <i>International League against Racism and Anti-Semitism</i> (LICRA), Bas-Rhin |
| <p>2–3 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Joint hearing on “Missing unaccompanied migrant children”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jean-Claude Legrand, Regional Adviser for Child Protection, <i>UNICEF</i>, Geneva (Switzerland)• Federica Toscano, Project Officer, Focal Point on Missing Unaccompanied Children, <i>Missing Children Europe</i> NGO, Brussels (Belgium)• Gert Westerveen, representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Strasbourg-based European Institutions, Strasbourg (France) |
| Tuesday 19 April 2016 | |
| <p>8.50–10 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Hearing on “Human rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, Switzerland• Nikos Lavranos LLM, Secretary General of EFILA - <i>European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration</i> (Netherlands)• Peter Schneiderhan, Prosecutor, member of the Bureau of the German Association of Judges (<i>Deutscher Richterbund</i>) and Chairman of its Commission on European Law, Germany |
| <p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>“A threat to national security – An independent expert report”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD)</p> |
| <p>1–2 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>“Which way to re-establish the peace process in Turkey?”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Essa Moosa (South Africa), former lawyer of Nelson Mandela |

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| <p>2–3.30 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>► Joint hearing on “The conflict in Eastern Ukraine: political and human rights concerns”</p> <p>Statements on the joint fact-finding visit to Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Mariupol from 4 to 8 April 2016 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE), rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on “Legal remedies for human rights violations on the Ukrainian territories outside the control of the Ukrainian authorities” • Kristýna Zelenková (Czech Republic, ALDE), rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine” <p>► Exchange of views with Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe</p> |
| <p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Hearing on “The impact of European population dynamics on migration policies”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (Norway, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gérard-François Dumont, Professor at La Sorbonne (Paris) • Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, <i>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</i> (OECD) |
| <p>2.45–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Exchange of views on “The over-sexualisation of children”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Schirtz, Chief Editor and Project Manager <i>BEE SECURE</i>, National Youth Service (Luxembourg) |
| <p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Exchange of views on “Culture and democracy”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piotr Gliński, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland • Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the <i>European Museum Forum</i> (EMF) • Basil Kerski, <i>European Solidarity Centre</i> (Gdańsk), winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2016 |
| <p>3.30 pm Chamber</p> | <p>At the beginning of the sitting, announcement by PACE President Pedro Agramunt of the 2016 winner of the Europe Prize</p> |
| <p>8.30 pm Palais Rohan, 2 Place du Château, Strasbourg</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> <p><i>(journalists are invited to collect their invitations from the Protocol Service, Palais, Office No 0.155, upon presentation of a press badge)</i></p> | <p>Presentation ceremony of the 2016 Council of Europe Museum Prize</p> <p>to the <i>European Solidarity Centre</i> (Gdańsk, Poland), represented by Basil Kerski, director, with speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedro Agramunt, PACE President • Piotr Gliński, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Culture and National Heritage of Poland • Roland Ries, Mayor of Strasbourg • Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the <i>European Museum Forum</i> (EMF) |

| Wednesday 20 April 2016 | |
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| <p>1–1.45 pm Room 7, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>“Temporally occupied territory: legal and diplomatic mechanisms” Side-event sponsored by Georgii Logvynskyi (Ukraine, EPP/CD)</p> |
| <p>2–3.30 pm Room 3, Palais Parliamentary Network <i>Women Free from Violence</i> <i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Hearing on “Violence against women in the armed forces” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant-Colonel Nevena Miteva, Chair of the Bulgarian Women in Armed Forces Association • Jacques Bessy, President of the Association for the Protection of the Rights of Military Personnel (<i>Adefdromil</i>), Paris • Megan Bastick, Gender and Security Fellow, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (<i>DCAF</i>) |
| Thursday 21 April 2016 | |
| <p>8.30–10 am Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>Not open to the press</i></p> | <p>Exchange of views with the United Kingdom Parliament’s Joint Committee on Human Rights and the Justice Committee of the House of Commons</p> |
| <p>8.30 – 10 am Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>► Exchange of views on “Establishing genuine parliamentary dialogue with Algeria” in the context of the report prepared by René Rouquet (France, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a delegation of members of the Algerian Parliament <p>► Exchange of views on “The relations of the Council of Europe with Kazakhstan” in the context of the report prepared by Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a delegation of members of the Kazakhstan Parliament |
| <p>8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>26th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children Exchange of views on “Presentation of the Cyprus pilot project: an example of good practice” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anastasios Paul Leventis, Chairman of the Board of the <i>A.G. Leventis Foundation</i> • Anastasia Papadopoulou, expert appointed by the Council of Ministers to compile a National Strategy and member of the project Steering Group • Leda Koursoumba, Cyprus Commissioner for Children’s Rights and member of the project Steering Group |
| <p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais Sub-committee on Media and Information Society <i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Exchange of views on “Parliamentary scrutiny over corruption: parliamentary co-operation with investigative media” in the context of the report prepared by Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberto Spampinato, Director of <i>Ossigeno per l’Informazione</i> (Italy) |
| <p>2–3 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>Exchange of views on “Council of Europe activities on migration” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees |

NB. This list includes non-plenary events organised or held under the auspices of Assembly committees, national delegations or political groups, or involving the Assembly’s President, rapporteurs or other members. It is not necessarily exhaustive, and may be subject to last-minute changes.