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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft Agenda

of the meeting to be held in Belgrade, Serbia
on 18 May 2017

Thursday 18 May 2017, 9.30 - 5.30pm

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Thursday 18 May 2017 at 9.30am

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 24-27 April 2017 will be postponed until the June 2017 Assembly part-session.

**This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee and their alternates,
is the convocation to the meeting**

Copy to Secretaries of delegations and political groups

Meeting documents are published on the Parliamentary Assembly extranet website (restricted area for national delegations): <http://assembly.coe.int/extranet>.

[From 9.35am – 10.05am]

3. Opening session (open to the media)

Welcoming address and opening statement by Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Chairperson of the Serbian PACE delegation

[From 10.05am -10.45am]

Execution of Judgments

Keynote speakers:

Mr. Čedomir Backović, Assistant Minister of Justice
Ms Nataša Plavšić, Deputy Public Attorney and Agent of the Republic of Serbia before the European Court of Human Rights
Mr Dragoljub Popovic, former judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Serbia

Exchange of views

10.45am-11am Coffee break

4. Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (9th report)

Rapporteur : Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', France, SOC
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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

5. New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member states – selected examples

Rapporteur: Mr Bernd Fabritius, Germany, EPP/CD
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Exchange of views with the participation of:

Mr Hristo Ivanov, former Minister of Justice of Bulgaria, judicial reform expert and advocate.
Chairperson of "Da", Bulgaria,

1pm – 2.30pm Lunch break

Hearing:

6. Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets

Rapporteur: Mr Mart van de Ven, Netherlands, ALDE
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Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Maurice Kempen, Ministry for Security and Justice, Netherlands
Mr Kevin McMeel, Head of Section in the Chief State Solicitor's Office, Criminal Assets Bureau,
Dublin, Ireland

Hearing:

7. **Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty**

Rapporteur: Mr Vusal Huseynov, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD
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Hearing with the participation of:

Dr Michael Crowley, Research Associate, Omega Research Foundation
Mr Albert Straver, Administrator in charge of Foreign Policy-related Regulatory Instruments, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments European Commission

8. **State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights**

Rapporteur: Mr Raphaël Comte, Switzerland, ALDE
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9. **Towards a democratic approach to the issues of governance in European multinational States**

Rapporteur: Mr Alain Destexhe, Belgium, ALDE
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Statement by the Rapporteur

10. **Accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights: Election of Judges**

Rapporteur: Lord Richard Balfe, United Kingdom, EC

Statement by the Rapporteur

11. **Restricting rights to protect national security – how far can states go ? and**

Legal challenges arising from the hybrid war

Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC
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12. **Appointment of rapporteurs**

[Rapporteur table
[Doc. 13967](#)
[Doc. 14168](#)]

For report:

The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov

For opinion:

Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean (Rapporteur for the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Greece EPP/CD)

13. **Replies from the Committee of Ministers to recommendations emanating from the Committee**
[AS/Jur (2017) 18, [Doc. 14285](#).]

14. **Participation of members in conferences, meetings, seminars etc**

Reports by the following representatives:

- The Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission), 9 March 2017: Ms Eka Beselia (Georgia, SOC)
- 75th plenary meeting of GRECO, 20-24 March 2017: Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

15. **How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented?**

Rapporteur: Ms Aleksandra Djurović, Serbia, EPP/CD

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Statement by the Rapporteur

16. **Other business**

[http://website-pace.net/en_GB/web/apce/vaclav-havel-human-rights-prize

Letter from Commissioner Malmström

[Resolution 2151 \(2017\)](#)

World Forum for Democracy Concept Paper]

- Azerbaijan's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe: What follow-up on Respect for Human Rights?
Rapporteur: Mr Alain Destexhe, Belgium, ALDE

Request for extension of the reference due to expire on 23 June 2017 before the adoption of the report foreseen for the June part-session 2017

- Vaclav Havel – extension of deadline for applications
- Letter from Commissioner Cecilia Malmström concerning the report on “Human Rights compatibility of investor-State arbitration in international investment protection agreements” (Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD)
- Publication of a Handbook on the role of parliaments in implementing ECHR standards
- World Forum for Democracy
“Is Populism a problem?”, 8-10 November 2017, Strasbourg
- Motion on ‘The state of emergency and its limitations’ – follow-up to be given

17. **Next meetings**

Plenary Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3rd part-session of 2017 (26-30 June 2017)
- Paris, 5 September 2017 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4th part-session of 2017 (9-13 October 2017)
- Paris, 13 November 2017 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Paris, 12 December 2017 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)

[19h30 Restaurant Dom garde, Topčider, Gardijska bb, 11000 Belgrade (bus transport will be provided from the designated hotels: the Metropol, Constantine the Great and the Excelsior)]