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## Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

### Draft Agenda

**of the meeting to be held in Paris  
on 12 December 2017 from 9.00am- 12.30pm<sup>1</sup>**

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- 1. Agenda**  
[AS/Jur (2017) OJ 09 Rev]  
  
Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Minutes**  
[AS/Jur (2017) PV 08]  
  
Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 13 November 2017
- 3. Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Vusal Huseynov, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD*  
[AS/Jur (2017) 34]  
  
Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft recommendation

<sup>1</sup> The Sub-Committee on Human Rights will take place in the afternoon from 2pm-5pm

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

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

**4. The case for drafting a European Convention on the profession of lawyer**

*Rapporteur: Ms Sabien Lahaye-Battheu, Belgium, ALDE*

[AS/Jur (2017) 35]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft recommendation

**5. Appointment of rapporteurs**

[Appointment procedure document

Rapporteur table]

[\[Doc. 14301](#)

[Doc. 14368](#)

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Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia

Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners

Out-of-court settlement procedures in criminal justice: advantages and risks

Ensuring greater follow-up of CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments

Withdrawing citizenship as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?

The principles and guarantees of advocates

Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?

Ombudsman Institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards

The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region

New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation

Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions

Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States (re-appointment following the departure of Mr Yves Pozzo di Borgo (France, EPP/CD) from the Assembly

**Hearing:**

**6. Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”?**

*Rapporteur: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez, Spain, SOC*  
[AS/Jur (2016) 28]

Hearing with the participation of:

Ms Mona Siddiqui, Chair of the independent review into the application of Sharia law in England and Wales, Professor of Islamic and inter-religious studies at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

**7. How can inappropriate restrictions to NGO activities in Europe be prevented?**

*Rapporteur: Mr Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC*  
[AS/Jur (2017) 36]

Consideration of a revised introductory memorandum

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

*Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD*  
[AS/Jur (2017) 31]

Speeches delivered by Ms Nemtsova, Mr Prokhorov and Mr Kara-Murza during the hearing on 11 October 2017]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum and follow-up to the hearing held on 11 October 2017 in which Ms Zhanna Nemtsova, Mr Vadim Prokhorov and Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza participated.

**9. Appointment of the general rapporteur for the abolition of the death penalty**

[Extract from [Doc. 12961](#) – mandate for the general rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty]

Appointment of General Rapporteur on the abolition of the death penalty<sup>2</sup>: term of office: one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years

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

Reports by the following representatives:

- 78<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Strasbourg, 4-8 December 2017 – report from Mr Sergiy Vlasenko, (Ukraine, EPP/CD)
- Council for Democratic Elections (of the Venice Commission), 7 December 2017: Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC)
- 113th plenary session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 8-9 December 2017: Mr Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC)

**11. Other business**

**12. Next meetings**

*Plenary Committee:*

- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of 2018 (22-26 January 2018)
- Paris, 14 March 2018 (Council of Europe Office)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2018 (23-27 April 2018)
- Place and date in May 2018 to be confirmed, (subject to approval by the Bureau and the availability of funds)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2018 (25-29 June 2017)

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<sup>2</sup> The terms of reference of this General Rapporteurship can be found in the extract of [Doc. 12961](#).

- Paris, 10 September 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Strasbourg, during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of 2018 (8-12 October 2018)
- Paris, 12 November 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)
- Paris, 11 December 2018 (Council of Europe Office) (to be confirmed)