

II. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Title of draft report	The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov
Origin	Motion
Title	The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov
Number	13967
Rapporteur	ZINGERIS, Emanuelis
Country	Lithuania
Political Group	EPP/CD
Appointed on	18/05/2017
Reference	
Number	4276
Date	10/03/2017
Extended on	25/01/2019
Valid until	30/06/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	<p>On 29/06/2017, the committee agreed to the Rapporteur's request to hold a hearing on the subject during the October part-session 2017, and to conduct an official visit to the Russian Federation in order to observe the court hearing at which the final decision in the criminal trial would be delivered, both subject to the availability of funds.</p> <p>On 10/10/2017, the committee held a hearing with the participation of Ms Zhanna Nemtsova, daughter of Boris Nemtsov, and two experts.</p> <p>On 12/12/2017, the committee resumed its consideration of an introductory memorandum and exchanged views on the presentations made by the participants at the hearing held on 11/10/2017. It agreed to the request by the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation (subject to the availability of funds), and decided to ask the President of the Assembly to write to the Speakers of the Federation Council and the State Duma of the Russian Federation in order to request the Russian authorities to co-operate in the organisation of this visit and to come back to this issue at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>On 24/01/2019, the committee agreed to request the Bureau for an extension of the reference.</p>
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Date of debate foreseen	2019 - Second part-session

Title of draft report	Extradition requests and the abuse of process
Origin	Motion
Title	Extradition requests and the abuse of process
Number	14315
Rapporteur	POCIEJ, Aleksander
Country	Poland
Political Group	EPP/CD
Appointed on	09/10/2017
Reference	
Number	4306
Date	30/06/2017
Valid until	30/06/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	<p>On 22/05/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to attend the PC-OC meeting on 20/06/2018 in Strasbourg, as well as the holding of a hearing with experts and an exchange of views with a senior representative of Interpol, all subject to the availability of funds.</p> <p>On 13/12/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of three experts.</p>
Adopted in committee on	
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Title of draft report	The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
Origin	Bureau decision
Title	The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
Date	30/06/2017
Rapporteur	VENIZELOS, Evangelos
Country	Greece
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	10/10/2017
Reference	
Number	4313
Date	30/06/2017
Valid until	30/06/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	<p>On 23/01/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to the rapporteur's request to send a letter to national delegations about the state of play of implementation of Resolution 2178 (2017) and to hold two hearings, one with the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, representatives of the Committee of Ministers and the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, and one with representatives of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), and of civil society and an academic expert, subject to the availability of funds.</p> <p>On 24/04/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of three experts.</p> <p>On 09/10/2018, the committee held a hearing with two experts and agreed to the rapporteur's proposal to hold exchanges of views with heads of national delegations of countries with the highest number of unimplemented judgments, subject to the availability of funds.</p> <p>On 13/12/2018, the committee agreed to open the hearings, planned for the January 2019 part-session, to the public.</p> <p>On 22/01/2019, the committee held a hearing with the participation of Mr Mustafa Yeneroğlu, member of the Turkish delegation to the Assembly, and experts from the Turkish Ministry of Justice, and agreed to declassify the information note concerning the implementation of judgments against Turkey and Ukraine.</p> <p>On 22/01/2019, the committee held a discussion in the absence of the head of the Ukrainian delegation to the Assembly.</p>
Adopted in committee on	
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Title of draft report	Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners
Origin	Motion
Title	Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners
Number	14368
Date	13/10/2017
Rapporteur	MALLIA, Emanuel
Country	Malta
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	12/12/2017
Reference	
Number	4325
Date	13/10/2017
Valid until	13/10/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	<p>On 22/05/2018, the committee authorised the holding of a hearing with experts during the June 2018 part-session, subject to the availability of funds, and the circulation of a questionnaire to national parliaments.</p> <p>On 28/06/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of two experts.</p> <p>On 21/01/2019, the committee considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation.</p>
Adopted in committee on	21/01/2019

Doc. No. of report 14828
Date of debate foreseen 2019 - March Standing Committee

Title of draft report	The principles and guarantees of advocates
Origin	Motion
Title	The principles and guarantees of advocates
Number	14376
Date	13/10/2017
Rapporteur	LOGVYNSKYI, Georgii
Country	Ukraine
Political Group	EPP/CD
Appointed on	12/12/2017
Reference	
Number	4329
Date	13/10/2017
Valid until	13/10/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	

Title of draft report	Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?
Origin	Motion
Title	Human rights and business – what follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?
Number	14377
Date	13/10/2017
Rapporteur	HASANOV, Elshad
Country	Azerbaijan
Political Group	FDG
Appointed on	26/06/2018
Former rapporteur(s)	12/12/2017 (HUSEYNOV, Vusal, Azerbaijan, EPP/CD)
Committee for opinion	Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
Rapporteur	MELKUMYAN, Mikayel
Country	Armenia
Political Group	EC
Appointed on	06/12/2017
Reference	
Number	4330
Date	13/10/2017
Valid until	13/10/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	On 11/10/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to hold a hearing with three experts at one of the forthcoming committee meetings, subject to the availability of funds.
Adopted in committee on	
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Title of draft report	Ombudsman Institutions in Europe - the need for a set of common standards
Origin	Motion
Title	Ombudsman Institutions in Europe - the need for a set of common standards
Number	14381
Date	13/10/2017
Rapporteur	BALFE, Richard
Country	United Kingdom

Political Group EC
Appointed on 12/12/2017

Reference

Number 4332
Date 13/10/2017
Valid until 13/10/2019

Others

State of work in committee On 25/01/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with an expert and agreed to hold a further hearing with two experts at a future meeting, subject to the availability of funds.
On 23/05/2018, the committee held a hearing with two experts.

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

Title	Motion The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region
Number	14382
Date	13/10/2017

Rapporteur

Country	SCHWABE, Frank
Political Group	Germany
Appointed on	SOC
	12/12/2017

Reference

Number	4333
Date	13/10/2017
Valid until	13/10/2019

Others

State of work in committee On 14/03/2018, in the absence of the rapporteur, the committee agreed to postpone consideration of his introductory memorandum to the April 2018 part-session and authorised the rapporteur's request for a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation, including the North Caucasus region, subject to the availability of funds.
On 24/04/2018, in anticipation of the joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on "Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)", the committee agreed to share the rapporteur's introductory memorandum with members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.
On 24/04/2018, the committee held a joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination with the participation of two experts, in the framework of the preparation of this report and that of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on "Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)".
On 26/04/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum.
On 10/09/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of two experts.

Adopted in committee on
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Title of draft report	Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia
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Origin

Title	Motion Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia
Number	14301

Rapporteur

Country	FRIDEZ, Pierre-Alain
Political Group	Switzerland
Appointed on	SOC
	12/12/2017

Reference

Number	4337
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Date 13/10/2017
Valid until 13/10/2019

Others

State of work in committee On 26/04/2018, in the absence of the rapporteur, the committee agreed to his request to carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia and to hold a hearing with experts at a future meeting, both subject to the availability of funds.
On 13/12/2018, the committee agreed to open the hearing, planned for a future meeting, to the public.
On 24/01/2019, the committee considered a revised introductory memorandum and decided to discontinue work on this report.

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Title of draft report	New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation
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Origin	Motion
Title	New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation
Number	14439
Rapporteur	VEN, Mart van de
Country	Netherlands
Political Group	ALDE
Appointed on	12/12/2017
Reference	
Number	4344
Date	24/11/2017
Valid until	24/11/2019

Others

State of work in committee On 23/04/2018, the committee agreed to a fact-finding visit to London, subject to the availability of funds.
On 14/05/2018, the rapporteur undertook a fact-finding visit to London.
On 23/05/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to the rapporteur's request to hold a hearing with experts during the June part-session, subject to the availability of funds.
On 26/06/2018, the committee held a hearing with two experts.
On 13/12/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of four experts.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen 2019 - Second part-session

Title of draft report	Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges
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Origin	Motion
Title	Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges
Number	14479
Rapporteur	OMTZIGT, Pieter
Country	Netherlands
Political Group	EPP/CD
Appointed on	23/04/2018
Reference	
Number	4366
Date	15/03/2018
Valid until	15/03/2020

Others

State of work in committee On 25/06/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to the rapporteur's requests for a fact-finding visit to Malta and a hearing with experts (both subject to the availability of funds) and to declassify the introductory memorandum.
On 26/06/2018, at the request of the rapporteur (in absentia), authorised him to receive information from sources who provide it on condition of anonymity and protect their

identity thereafter.

On 10/09/2018, the committee considered and declined the request by Mr Emmanuel Mallia (Malta, SOC) to withdraw the rapporteur's mandate.

On 08/10/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of three experts; it agreed to the rapporteur's proposal to hold a second hearing at a future meeting, subject to the availability of funds; it also agreed to the rapporteur's proposal to request the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an opinion on Malta's constitutional arrangements, the separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary and law enforcement bodies.

On 13/12/2018, the committee agreed to open the second hearing, planned for a future meeting, to the public.

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Title of draft report	Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe
Origin	Motion
Title	Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe
Number	14483
Rapporteur	WASERMAN, Sylvain
Country	France
Political Group	ALDE
Appointed on	23/04/2018
Reference	
Number	4369
Date	16/03/2018
Valid until	16/03/2020
Others	
State of work in committee	On 11/10/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to hold two hearings at forthcoming committee meetings, subject to the availability of funds, and to send a questionnaire to national parliaments. On 24/01/2019, the committee held a hearing with two experts.
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Title of draft report	Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan
Origin	Motion
Title	Political prisoners in Azerbaijan
Number	14538
Rapporteur	ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Thorhildur Sunna
Country	Iceland
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	26/06/2018
Reference	
Number	4386
Date	01/06/2018
Valid until	01/06/2020
Others	
State of work in committee	On 22/01/2019, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and decided to change the title. It authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan and to hold a hearing on the subject. It also agreed to declassify the introductory memorandum. On 24/01/2019, the committee agreed to open the hearing, proposed for the April 2019 part-session, to the public.
Adopted in committee on Doc. No. of report Date of debate foreseen	

Title of draft report	Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States
Origin Title	Bureau decision Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States
Rapporteur Country Political Group Appointed on	SOTNYK, Olena Ukraine ALDE 10/09/2018
Reference Number Date Valid until	 4394 29/06/2018 29/06/2020
Others State of work in committee	On 08/10/2018, the committee agreed to the rapporteur's proposal to seize the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) for an opinion on the compatibility with international human rights standards of the Hungarian law of 20/07/2018 amending certain tax laws and other related laws, and on the immigration tax. On 13/12/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum. On 24/01/2019, the committee decided to open the hearing, proposed for the meeting on 4 March 2019, to the public.
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Title of draft report	Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study
Origin Title Number	Motion Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study 14587
Rapporteur Country Political Group Appointed on	BARDELL, Hannah United Kingdom NR 13/12/2018
Committee for opinion Rapporteur Country Political Group Appointed on	Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development PRUIDZE, Irina Georgia EC 24/01/2019
Reference Number Date Valid until	 4396 08/10/2018 08/10/2020
Others State of work in committee Adopted in committee on Doc. No. of report Date of debate foreseen	

Title of draft report	
Origin Title	Request for an opinion Granting of participatory status to the international non-governmental organisation ADF International
Rapporteur	To be appointed
Reference Number Date Valid until	 4404 12/10/2018 12/10/2020
Others State of work in committee	

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Title of draft report	Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems
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Origin	Motion
Title	Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems
Number	14628
Rapporteur	CILEVIČS, Boriss
Country	Latvia
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	21/01/2019
Reference	
Number	4407
Date	12/10/2018
Valid until	12/10/2020
Others	
State of work in committee	
Adopted in committee on	
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Title of draft report	The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace
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Origin	Motion
Title	The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace
Number	14544
Rapporteur	STIER, Davor Ivo
Country	Croatia
Political Group	EPP/CD
Appointed on	13/12/2018
Committee for opinion	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
Rapporteur	DONALDSON, Jeffrey
Country	United Kingdom
Political Group	EC
Appointed on	23/01/2019
Reference	
Number	4408
Date	12/10/2018
Valid until	12/10/2020
Others	
State of work in committee	
Adopted in committee on	
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Title of draft report	Urgent need to strengthen Financial Intelligence Units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets
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Origin	Motion
Title	Urgent need to strengthen Financial Intelligence Units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets
Number	14638
Rapporteur	VEN, Mart van de
Country	Netherlands
Political Group	ALDE
Appointed on	13/12/2018
Reference	
Number	4411

Title of draft report

Origin

Title
Number

Motion

Follow-up to the Azerbaijani Laundromat investigation
14653

Rapporteur**To be appointed****Reference**

Number
Date
Valid until

4418
21/01/2019
21/01/2021

Others

State of work in committee
Adopted in committee on
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