

II. Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Title of draft report	Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”?
Origin	Motion
Title	Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”?
Number	13965
Rapporteur	GUTIÉRREZ, Antonio
Country	Spain
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	13/12/2016
Former rapporteur(s)	18/04/2016 (MATEU, Meritxell, Andorra, ALDE)
Committee for opinion	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
Rapporteur	BLONDIN, Maryvonne
Country	France
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	09/10/2018
Committee for opinion	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
Rapporteur	NISSINEN, Johan
Country	Sweden
Political Group	EC
Appointed on	09/12/2016
Committee for opinion	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
Rapporteur	TORNARE, Manuel
Country	Switzerland
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	26/04/2018
Reference	
Number	4188
Date	04/03/2016
Extended on	31/05/2018 (15/12/2017)
Valid until	31/12/2018
Others	
State of work in committee	<p>On 13/10/2016, the committee considered an introductory memorandum (in the absence of the former rapporteur), made a call for candidatures for the appointment of a new rapporteur at the following meeting and agreed to declassify the introductory memorandum and to hold a hearing with two experts once a new rapporteur is appointed (subject to the availability of funds).</p> <p>On 07/03/2017, the committee held a hearing with the participation of two experts. It authorised a second hearing on the subject to be held at a future committee meeting and three fact-finding visits to Albania, Turkey and the United Kingdom, subject to the availability of funds.</p> <p>On 05/09/2017, the committee held a hearing with the participation of two experts and agreed to hold a further hearing with another expert at its meeting in December 2017.</p> <p>On 12/12/2017, the committee held a hearing with the participation of one expert and agreed to the rapporteur’s request to ask the Bureau for an extension of the reference until 30/06/2018.</p> <p>On 26/04/2018, in the absence of the rapporteur, the committee agreed to his request to ask the Bureau for an extension of the reference until 31/12/2018.</p>
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	2019 - First part-session

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
Country Lithuania
Political Group EPP/CD
Appointed on 18/05/2017

Reference
Number 4276
Date 10/03/2017
Valid until 10/03/2019

Others

State of work in committee

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.

On 10/10/2017, the committee held a hearing with the participation of Ms Zhanna Nemtsova, daughter of Boris Nemtsov, and two experts.

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.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report**Extradition requests and the abuse of process****Origin**

Title
Number

Motion

Extradition requests and the abuse of process
14315

Rapporteur

Country
Political Group
Appointed on

POCIEJ, Aleksander

Poland
EPP/CD
09/10/2017

Reference

Number
Date
Valid until

4306
30/06/2017
30/06/2019

Others

State of work in committee

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.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report**The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights****Origin**

Title
Date

Bureau decision

The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
30/06/2017

Rapporteur

Country
Political Group
Appointed on

VENIZELOS, Evangelos

Greece
SOC
10/10/2017

Reference

Number
Date
Valid until

4313
30/06/2017
30/06/2019

Others

State of work in committee

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.

On 24/04/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of three experts.

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.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report**Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners****Origin**

Title
Number
Date

Motion

Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners
14368
13/10/2017

Rapporteur

Country
Political Group
Appointed on

MALLIA, Emanuel

Malta
SOC
12/12/2017

Reference

Number
Date
Valid until

4325
13/10/2017
13/10/2019

Others

State of work in committee

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.

On 28/06/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of two experts.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

2018 - November Standing Committee

Title of draft report**Ensuring greater follow-up of CPT recommendations: enhanced role of PACE and of national parliaments****Origin**

Title
Number
Date

Motion

Ensuring greater follow-up of CPT recommendations: enhanced role of PACE and of national parliaments
14373
13/10/2017

Rapporteur

Country
Political Group
Appointed on

ARNAUT, Damir

Bosnia and Herzegovina
EPP/CD
12/12/2017

Reference

Number
Date
Valid until

4327
13/10/2017
13/10/2019

Others

State of work in committee

On 26/06/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to the rapporteur's requests to hold a hearing with experts at a future meeting, subject to the availability of funds, and to send a questionnaire to national parliaments.

On 10/10/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of two experts.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report	Withdrawing citizenship as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?
Origin	Motion
Title	Withdrawing citizenship as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach?
Number	14375
Date	13/10/2017
Rapporteur	STRIK, Tineke
Country	Netherlands
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	12/12/2017
Reference	
Number	4328
Date	13/10/2017
Valid until	13/10/2019
Others	
State of work in committee	On 26/06/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to the rapporteur's requests to hold a hearing with experts at a future meeting, subject to the availability of funds, and send out a questionnaire to national parliaments delegations and to national human rights institutions to gather further information. On 10/09/2018, the committee held a hearing with the participation of two experts.
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	2019 - First part-session

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	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	

Title of draft report	Ombudsman Institutions in Europe - the need for a set of common standards
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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.
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	2019 - Second part-session

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	Motion
Title	The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region
Number	14382
Date	13/10/2017
Rapporteur	SCHWABE, Frank
Country	Germany
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	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

Doc. No. of report

Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report	Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia
Origin	Motion
Title	Human rights situation in the occupied regions of Georgia
Number	14301
Rapporteur	FRIDEZ, Pierre-Alain
Country	Switzerland
Political Group	SOC
Appointed on	12/12/2017
Reference	
Number	4337
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.
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	

Title of draft report	New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation
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.

Adopted in committee on

Doc. No. of report

Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report	Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions
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Origin

Title

Number

Motion

Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions

14440

Rapporteur

Country

Political Group

Appointed on

ANDERSON, Donald

United Kingdom

SOC

12/12/2017

Reference

Number

Date

Valid until

4345

24/11/2017

24/11/2019

Others

State of work in committee

On 14/03/2018, the committee considered an introductory memorandum and authorised a hearing at the forthcoming meeting in Reykjavik on 22-23 May 2018, with two parliamentarians, one from Canada and one from a Council of Europe member State involved in the adoption of "Magnitsky laws" in their home parliaments, subject to the availability of funds.

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 held an exchange of views with an expert.

On 10/09/2018, the committee considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution.

Adopted in committee on

Doc. No. of report

Date of debate foreseen

10/09/2018

14661

2019 - First 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

Title

Number

Motion

Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

14479

Rapporteur

Country

Political Group

Appointed on

OMTZIGT, Pieter

Netherlands

EPP/CD

23/04/2018

Reference

Number

Date

Valid until

4366

15/03/2018

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.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

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.
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	

Title of draft report	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	
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	Bureau decision
Title	Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States
Rapporteur	SOTNYK, Olena
Country	Ukraine
Political Group	ALDE
Appointed on	10/09/2018

Reference

Number 4394
Date 29/06/2018
Valid until 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.

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report**Origin**

Title
Number

Motion

Drug policy and human rights in Europe: a baseline study
14587

Rapporteur**To be appointed****Committee for opinion**

Rapporteur

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
To be appointed

Reference

Number 4396
Date 08/10/2018
Valid until 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 4404
Date 12/10/2018
Valid until 12/10/2020

Others

State of work in committee
Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report**Origin**

Title

Number

Motion

Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems
14628

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

Number 4407
Date 12/10/2018
Valid until 12/10/2020

Others

State of work in committee

Adopted in committee on
Doc. No. of report
Date of debate foreseen

Title of draft report

Origin	Motion
Title	The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace
Number	14544
Rapporteur	To be appointed
Committee for opinion	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
Rapporteur	To be appointed
Reference	
Number	4408
Date	12/10/2018
Valid until	12/10/2020
Others	
State of work in committee	
Adopted in committee on	
Doc. No. of report	
Date of debate foreseen	