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First part of the 2026 Ordinary Session (26-30 January 2026)

Agenda[1]

1. Adopted by the Assembly on 26 January 2026.

Abbreviations

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly
Per: Standing Committee
Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
Mig: Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation
Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)
Rul: Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities
Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
ECPA: European Conservatives, Patriots and Affiliates
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
NR: Members not belonging to a political group

Symbols

- Presentation, statement
- Deadline for tabling documents
- Lists (speakers, questions)
- Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee
Thursday: 15:00-16:30

Bureau of the Assembly
Monday: 08:00-09:30
Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees
Monday: 14:00-15:30
Tuesday: 08:30-10:00
Tuesday: 14:00-15:30
Wednesday: 14:00-15:30
Thursday: 08:30-10:00
Thursday: 14:00-15:00

Political groups
Monday: 09:30-11:00
Monday: 17:30-19:45
Wednesday: 08:15-10:00

Monday 26 January 2026

Sitting No. 1 *(11:00-13:15)*

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Examination of the credentials

🗀 List of delegations:
- o (Doc. 16330)

1.2. Farewell ceremony for the outgoing President of the Assembly

1.3. Election of the President of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2026) 03)

1.4. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2026) 01)

1.5. Appointment of members of committees (Commissions (2026) 01 and Add. 1)

1.6. Requests for debate:

1.6.1. Current affairs debate: "Safeguarding the system of international justice"

1.6.2. Debate under urgent procedure: "65th anniversary of the European Social Charter"

1.6.3. Debate under urgent procedure: "Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire"

1.6.4. Debate under urgent procedure: "Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland"

1.6.5. Debate under urgent procedure: "Bringing Democracy back to our Assembly: an urgent call to reform the election procedure of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly"

1.6.6. Debate under urgent procedure: "Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups"

1.7. Adoption of the agenda

1.8. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Republic of Moldova, 21 November 2025) (AS/Per (2025) PV 02)

Sitting No. 2 *(15:40-17:30)*

2. Current affairs debate

2.1. Safeguarding the system of international justice

🗀 Statement by:
- o Ms Stefanie HUBIG, German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection

🗐 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 09:00)

3. Joint debate

3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16323, Doc. 16323 Add. 1, Doc. 16323 Add. 2, Doc. 16323 Add. 3)

3.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic (30 November 2025)

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16319)

3.3. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2025)

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (Latvia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16316)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 09:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 11:00)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16316)

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Sitting No. 3 *(10:00-13:00)*

4. Elections *(10:00-12:45)*

4.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates:
  - Cyprus (Doc. 16323 Add. 2, Doc. 16312)
  - Netherlands (Doc. 16323 Add. 2, Doc. 16302 rev)

5. Address *(10:00-11:00)*

5.1. Ms Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova

- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

6. Address *(11:00-12:00)*

6.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Alain BERSET, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

7. Ceremony marking the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust [2] *(12:00-12:45)*

Sitting No. 4 *(15:40-20:00)*

8. Debate

8.1. Elections in times of crisis

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16297)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16297)

9. Debate

9.1. Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16311, Doc. 16311 Add.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16311)

2. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2026)05.

10. Debate

10.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, ECPA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16310)
  - Mr Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16310)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16310)

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Sitting No. 5 *(10:10-13:00)*

11. Debate

11.1. Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Sona GHAZARYAN (Armenia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16308)
  - Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. 16332)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 10:40)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16308)

12. Address *(12:00-13:00)*

12.1. Mr Ararat MIRZOYAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)

Sitting No. 6 *(15:40-20:00)*

13. Address *(15:40-16:40)*

13.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Mihai POPŞOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, President of the Committee of Ministers
- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)

14. Current affairs debate

14.1. Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)

15. Debate

15.1. Draft additional protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare services

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16309)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:10)
- Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 16309)

16. Debate

16.1. Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16314)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:10)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16314)

Thursday 29 January 2026

Sitting No. 7 *(10:10-13:00)*

17. Debate under urgent procedure

17.1. Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Bertrand BOUYX (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16334)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 12:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16334)

18. Debate under urgent procedure

18.1. Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16336)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 12:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16336)

Sitting No. 8 *(16:30-20:00)*

19. Debate

19.1. For a ban on conversion practices

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Kate OSBORNE (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16315)
- Statement by:
  - Ms Helena DALLI, former European Commissioner for Equality, former Minister for European Affairs and Equality of Malta
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16315)

20. Debate under urgent procedure

20.1. The 65th anniversary of the European Social Charter: social rights as the foundation of resilient democracies and social justice

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Paul GALLES (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16335)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16335)

21. Debate

21.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16317)
  - Mr Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16317)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16317)

Friday 30 January 2026

Sitting No. 9 *(10:10-13:00)*

22. Free debate

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 16:00)

23. Progress report (continued)

23.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

Addendum:
- (Doc. 16323 Add. 4)

24. Constitution of the Standing Committee

24.1. Appointment of the members of the Standing Committee (Commissions (2026) 03)

25. Closure of the part-session