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To the members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22, 23, 24 and 25 June 2026

The Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 22-25 June 2026, with Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on Monday 22 June 2026 at 2pm, as regards:
 - **Democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran** (*rapporteur for opinion: Mr Pablo Hispán, Spain, EPP/CD, rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Max Lucks, Germany, SOC*): considered and approved an opinion;
 - **The enforced disappearance of newborns, infants and children** (*rapporteur: Ms Laura Castel, Spain, UEL*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Improving the selection/election procedure of CPT members** (*rapporteur: Ms Octavie Modert, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, followed by an exchange of views;
 - **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy 2026** (*Strasbourg, 2–3 November 2026*): appointed by acclamation Ms Louise Morel (France, ALDE) to sit on the *ad hoc* committee;
 - **Reporting back on participation in meetings**: heard statements from:
 - Ms Nadejda Iordanova (Bulgaria, NR) about her participation in the 71st meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL), Strasbourg, 26-29 May 2026;
 - Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD) about his participation in the 87th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe, Venice (Italy), 11 June 2026;
 - **Other business**: heard a statement from Senator Yevgeniy Bolgert (Kazakhstan) regarding the report on “Fighting back against transnational repression”;
- on Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 9.15am, as regards:
 - **How to ensure that the Russian Federation implements the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, including paying the compensation awarded** (*rapporteur: Mr Tony Vaughan, United Kingdom, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Mr Frédéric Dolt, Head of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, and Mr Grigory Vaypan, Senior Lawyer, Memorial, Montenegro;

- **on Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 2pm**, as regards:
 - **General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers:** appointed, following a vote, Ms Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen (Finland, SOC), subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the general rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
 - **Work programme**
 - **Appointment of a rapporteur for report:** appointed, by acclamation, Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE) as rapporteur on “Strengthening safeguards against the misuse of dual-use goods by authoritarian regimes”, subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
 - **Call for candidates for reports:** made a call for rapporteurs, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - Human rights challenges in the North Caucasus;
 - Reported cases of political prisoners in Europe;
 - **Sub-Committee on Human Rights:** took note of an oral report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the meeting held on Monday 22 June 2026 and endorsed by acclamation the proposal of the sub-committee concerning the list of candidates to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) submitted by the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - **Reporting back on participation in meetings:** heard statements from:
 - Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom, ECPA) about his participation in the 146th plenary Session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (“Venice Commission”), Venice (Italy), 6-7 March 2026;
 - Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) about his participation in the 147th plenary Session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (“Venice Commission”), Venice (Italy), 12-13 June 2026;
 - **Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the European Roma and Sinti Holocaust Memorial Day (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2026):** appointed Mr Adam Bodnar (Poland, EPP/CD) to sit on the ad hoc committee;
 - **Changes in the composition of the sub-committees:** approved the changes to the Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, as follows:
 - Ms Domenica Spinelli (Italy, ECPA) as alternate member for Mr Roberto Speranza (Italy, SOC)
 - Mr Dragan Bojović (Montenegro, NR) as alternate member for Mr Nikolla Camaj (Montenegro, ALDE)
- **on Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 2.45pm**, as regards:
 - **Joint meeting with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:** held a hearing on transparency and accountability in the public administration – the Tromsø Convention, with the participation of Ms Tetyana Oleksiyuk, Vice-President of the Council of Europe Access Info Group, Tromsø Convention and Mr Carlos Cordero Sanz, Co-founder and President of Access Info Europe, Director of Sustentia-Innovación Social;

- **On Thursday 25 June 2026 at 8.30am**, as regards:
 - ***Fighting back against transnational repression*** (rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC): took position on 20 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and one amendment tabled to the draft recommendation and decided to table three written sub-amendments to the draft resolution;
 - ***Reporting back on participation in meetings***: heard a statement from the following representative:
 - Ms Belén Hoyo (Spain, EPP/CD) about her participation in the OECD Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence, Paris, 11-12 June 2026 (online);
 - ***Next meetings***: took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - 9 September 2026, Paris Office
 - during the Assembly's fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026)
 - 9 December 2026, Paris Office
- **On Thursday 25 June 2026 at 2pm**, as regards:
 - ***Joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation***: held a hearing on the European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond (rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC), with the participation of:
 - Mr David Milner, Head of the Human Rights Intergovernmental Co-operation Division and Secretary to the Steering Committee for Human Rights, CDDH, Council of Europe;
 - Mr Matthieu Birker, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
 - Ms Natasa Mavronicola, Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, and
 - Ms Adriana Tidona, Amnesty International, United Kingdom.

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The Sub-Committee on Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 22 June 2026 at 3.10pm, with Ms Wanda Nowicka (Poland, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)***: considered the list of candidates to the CPT in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and agreed to propose that the list submitted by the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina be accepted, and agreed on an order of preference;
- ***Next meeting***: during the Assembly's fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026).

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The Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 June 2026 at 1pm, with first Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, then with Mr Adam Bodnar (Poland, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Network, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Chairperson:** elected, by acclamation, Mr Adam Bodnar (Poland, EPP/CD) as Chairperson;
- **Election of the Vice-Chairperson:** elected, by acclamation, Ms Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye, SOC) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Parliamentary work to implement judgments of the European Court of Human Rights: preventing violence against women in Romania:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Cynthia Păun, Senator of Romania and Vice-Chairperson of the parliamentary committee “Romania without Domestic Violence” (online), Ms Andreea Bragă, Advocacy Co-ordinator of the Centre for Legal Resources and Feminism in Romania (FILIA) (online) and Ms Luz Martinez Seijo (Spain, SOC), General Rapporteur on violence against women;
- **Work programme:** approved the work programme;
- **Next meeting:** took note of the meetings to be held as follows:
 - during the Assembly’s fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026)
 - 13 November 2026, the Hague.

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