

Asian Parliamentary Assembly



Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs

Baku, Azerbaijan
20-24 February 2024



Annotated Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

Participants are invited to adopt the draft Agenda

2. Opening Remarks by Chairperson:

The Chair will present opening Remarks

3. Report of the Secretariat:

The Secretariat will present a summary report on the latest activities of the Standing Committee.

4. Consideration of the Situation of Women Parliamentarians in Asia:

Women Parliamentarians are called upon to present their views/reports on topics of their interests under this agenda item.

5. Consideration of the Draft Resolutions recommended by the 2nd Executive Council:

The first Executive Council meeting approved the 12 draft resolutions adopted by the SC on Social and Cultural Affairs during its meeting on September 21-22, 2023, in Baku, Azerbaijan. Two draft resolutions on "Tourism" were merged into a new text. Two draft resolutions on the "Rights of Migrant Workers" and "Humanitarian Aid," which had been deferred twice, were decided not to be considered. The EC endorsed the proposal of the Standing Committee in this regard.

The draft resolution on the "Commission on Women" was considered under the Agenda Item 8 of the EC. There was an extensive discussion on this draft resolution, and the chair concluded that the fruitful contributions of the participants regarding the establishment of a Commission on Women were indicative of its importance for APA. This important topic needs to be further scrutinized and discussed from every aspect. Therefore, it would be expected to receive more amendments for consideration in future meetings.

6. Any other matters