



Subcommittee on Human Rights

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MINUTES

Meeting of 25 September 2019, 9.00-12.30 and 14.30-18.30,
and 26 September 2019, 9.00-12.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 9.10 on Wednesday, 25 September 2019, with Irina Von Wiese, (1st Vice-Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Chair's announcements

3. Approval of minutes of meetings of

10 July 2019

PE 639.909v01-00

The minutes were approved.

4. Presentation of the “Normandy Index” measuring threats to peace and security

Speaker: Etienne Bassot, Director of the Research Service for Members at the EPRS.

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Maria Arena (Chair) took over the Chair at 9.23 on 25 September 2019.

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Speakers: Isabel Santos, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Irina Von Wiese, Catherine Rowett, Peter van Dalen, Thierry Mariani, Eleana Lazarou (EPRS), Philippe Perchoc (EPRS), Rene van Nes, Division "Early warning and conflict prevention" (EEAS).

5. Exchange of views with Front Line Defenders and Protectdefenders.eu in the presence of two human rights defenders

Speakers: Emma Achilli, Head of European Office, Front Line Defenders, Yolanda Perez Cruz, wife of Pablo López Alavéz, Mexican environmental activist and indigenous leader, Sadorbek Abdulkhalilov, lawyer of Azimjan Askarov (Kyrgyzstan), Laura Battistin, Head of Secretariat of ProtectDefenders.eu, Isabel Santos, Leopoldo López Gil, Catherine Rowett, Irina Von Wiese, Hannah Neumann, Stelios Kouloglou, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Phil Bennion, Fabienne van den Eede, DEVCO B1 (European Commission), Nieves Coteró, Division for Human Rights (EEAS), Chair.

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The meeting adjourned at 11.04 and resumed at 11.15.

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In camera

6. Exchange of views with the European External Action Service (EEAS) on the forthcoming EU-Brazil high level dialogue on human rights

Speakers: Veronique Lorenzo, Head of Division "South America" (EEAS), Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Isabel Santos, Charles Goerens, Stelios Kouloglou, Hannah Neumann, Raphaël Glucksmann, Leopoldo López Gil, Chair.

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The meeting adjourned at 12.20 and resumed at 14.33 with Irina Von Wiese (1st Vice-chair) presiding.

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25 September 2019, 14.30 – 15.30

7. Exchange of views with Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED)

Speakers: Jerzy Pomianowski, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Raphaël Glucksmann, Gina Dowding, Julia Ruppel, Policy Officer Division "Democracy and electoral observation" (EEAS), Chair.

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The meeting adjourned at 15.14 and resumed at 15.29 with Maria Arena (Chair) presiding.

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25 September 2019, 15.30 – 17.00

In camera

8. Exchange of views on the situation in Algeria

Speakers: Speaker [via Skype], Speaker [via Skype], Raphaël Glucksmann, Bernard Guetta, Mounir Satouri, Speaker, Speaker, Rosamaria Gili, Head of Division "Maghreb" (EEAS).

25 September 2019, 17.00 – 18.30

In camera

9. Coordinators' meeting

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The meeting adjourned at 18.33 and resumed at 10.04 on 26 September 2019 with Maria Arena (Chair) presiding.

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26 September 2019, 9.00 – 12.30

10. Exchange of views on the situation in Myanmar with Marzuki Darusman, President of the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar (FFM)

The item has been postponed.

In camera

11. Exchange of views with NGOs on Vietnam

Speakers: Vu Quoc Dung, Executive Director, VETO! Human Rights Defenders' Network e.V, Jaku Hon, Representative of the Vietnamese NGO VOICE, Gaelle Desepulchre, FIDH, European Office, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Neena Gill, Bernard Guetta, Heidi Hautala, Lars Patrick Berg, Assita Kanko, Peter van Dalen, Chair, Nieves Coteró, Division Human Rights (EEAS).

12. Exchange of views on the human rights aspects of the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement and Investment Protection Agreement in the framework of the Monitoring Group of Article 21 of TEU (“Group 21”)

Speakers: Peter Berz, Acting Director, DG Trade (European Commission), Rosita Hickey, Office of the European Ombudsman, Heino Marius, Deputy Head of Division "Southeast Asia" (EEAS), Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Chair.

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13. Any other business

14. Next meetings

- 8 October 2019, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

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The meeting closed at 12.06.

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Maria Arena (P) (1,2), Irina Von Wiese (1 st VP) (1,2), Hannah Neumann (2 nd VP) (1), Raphaël Glucksmann (4 th VP) (1)
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Phil Bennion (1,2), Lars Patrick Berg (1,2), Andrea Cozzolino (1), Charles Goerens (1), Bernard Guetta (1,2), Heidi Hautala (2), György Hölvényi (1), Assita Kanko (1,2), Karol Karski (1), David Lega (1), Leopoldo López Gil (1,2), Thierry Mariani (1,2), Isabel Santos(1,2), Nacho Sánchez Amor (1), Miguel Urbán Crespo (1), Isabel Wiseler-Lima (1,2), Peter van Dalen (1,2)
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Neena Gill (1,2), Seán Kelly (1), Stelios Kouloglou (1), Andrey Kovatchev (1), Norbert Neuser (2), Catherine Rowett (1), Mounir Satouri (1), Bettina Vollath (1)

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Gina Dowding (1) (Item 7)	
56 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Ημερήσια Διάταξη Σημείο/Agenda item/Point OJ/Тоčka dnevnoг reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkēs punktas/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schôdze/Тоčka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Föredragningslista punkt)	
Emma Achilli, Head of European Office, Front Line Defenders, Yolanda Perez Cruz, wife of Pablo López Alavéz, Mexican environmental activist and indigenous leader, Sadorbek Abdulkhalilov, lawyer of Azimjan Askarov (Kyrgyzstan), Laura Battistin, Head of Secretariat of ProtectDefenders.eu	Item 5
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dne/Lāsnā/Närvarande den:

- (1) 25.9.2019
(2) 26.9.2019

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Item 5: Fabienne van den Eede, DEVCO B1
Item 12: Peter Berz, Acting Director, DG Trade

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EEAS
Item 4: Rene van Nes, Division "Early warning and conflict prevention"
Item 5 and 11: Nieves Cotero, Human Rights Division
Item 6: Veronique Lorenzo, Head of Unit "South America"
Item 7: Julia Ruppel, Policy Officer "Democracy and electoral observation"
Item 8: Rosamaria Gili, Head of Division "Maghreb"
Item 12: Heino Marius, Deputy Head of Division "Southeast Asia"

Office of European Ombudsman
Item 12: Rosita Hickey

Други учасници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης Παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Drugi sudionici/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Partecipanti oħra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Alți participanți/Inți účastnici/Drugi udeleženci/Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare

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PPE	Virostkova
S&D	Bataille, Tua, Bitarelli
Renew	Munoa Salaverria, Hermans
Verts/ALE	Fisera
ID	Mazzotti, Roos
ECR	Van Luik, Daneczki
GUE/NGL	Balavoine, Vicente Moreno
NI	Polzer

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Rieu, Csasz, Walelign, Chikhi, Maissonny
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**COORDINATORS' MEETING
FINAL DECISIONS**

9 SEPTEMBER 2019

I. Adoption of the draft agenda

INFORMATION

II. Chair's Communication

DECISIONS

III. Preparation of the hearings of Commissioners-designate

Decisions:

1. The Secretariat will send a draft question (to be included in the five written questions submitted by AFET to the VPHR designate) for approval by Coordinators;
2. Coordinators endorsed the pragmatic and coordinated approach to the conduct of hearings where human rights needs to be raised. A list of questions for the hearings of the Commissioners designate will be sent to Coordinators. A follow-up discussion will take place during the next Coordinators' meeting on 25/26 September 2019;
3. Coordinators agreed to organise an informal discussion with the VPHR designate over breakfast, if possible.

IV. DROI future activities: decision on priority topics (“clusters”)

Decision: Coordinators agreed on the following priority topics (“clusters”) to guide DROI future activities.

- 1.. Environment/climate change and Human Rights
2. Business and Human Rights
3. Minorities and freedom of religion or belief
4. Shrinking space of civil society, including press freedom, Human Rights Defenders as well as political freedom and the rule of law
5. Migration and humanitarian crisis
6. New technologies and Human Rights, including combating fake news

Children rights, women’s rights, indigenous peoples’ rights and impunity to be addressed as crosscutting issues.

V. Appointment of DROI Members to EP’s Monitoring Groups, Working Groups and Networks:

Decision: Coordinators decided to appoint a full Member and a substitute Member for the following thematic Working Groups:

- **EPP full Member and S&D substitute Member** for Monitoring Group to follow closely the negotiations on EU-ACP relations
- **Renew full Member and GUE/NGL substitute** for Gender mainstreaming network
- **S&D full Member and ECR substitute** for UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Network
- **DROI Chair full Member** for Petitions Network

Coordinators are kindly invited to send the names of appointed MEPs before 19 September 2019.

VI. Ad-hoc joint DROI, DEVE and LIBE mission to the first Global Refugee Forum, 16-18 December 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Decision: Coordinators agreed that DROI joins the DEVE/LIBE delegation to the first Global Refugee Forum in Geneva.

VII. EU Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and EU Viet Nam Investment Protection Agreement (IPA)

Decision: Coordinators decided to request opinions to INTA's reports on EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and EU Viet Nam Investment Protection Agreement (IPA)

VIII. Annual report on Human Rights and Democracy in the world 2018 and the EU External action on the matter

Members were requested to appoint shadow rapporteurs.

IX. Deadlines to send proposals to DROI Secretariat

- **20 September 2019 at 12.00** for missions and hearings topics for the first semester of 2020
- **30 September 2019** for INI reports and study topics
- **20 September 2019 at 12.00** for United Nations Human Rights-related International Days

X. Any Other business

The Greens/EFA Coordinator pointed out the importance of organising AFET and DROI Coordinators' meetings at different times.

XI. Next meeting

25-26 September 2019