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*Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs*

***PUBLIC HEARING:***

***THE FRAMEWORK DECISION ON  
ON COMBATING  
RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA***

*Monday 19 March 2007  
15.00 – 18.30*

*Rue Wiertz 60 – Brussels  
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) – 3G3*

## **15.00 – 15.30 OPENING**

Jean-Marie Cavada, Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Mathias Hellmann, Federal Justice Minister, representing the German Presidency

Martine Roure, the European Parliament's rapporteur on the Framework Decision on racism and xenophobia

## **15.30 – 16.15 ORIGIN AND CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL**

Presentation of the Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia and background to the proposal

Peter-Jozsef Csonka, Head of the Criminal Justice Unit, Justice, Freedom and Security DG

The importance of monitoring the application of legislation on racist crime under the Framework Decision

Niraj Nathwani, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

The extent and significance of racist crime and violence in the EU: addressing the current paucity of official criminal justice data collection

Joe Goodey, Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)

## **16.15 – 16.45 PANEL 1 – BALANCE BETWEEN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND CONDEMNATION OF SPEECHES INCITING HATRED**

Presentation of the case law of the Court in Strasbourg

Dr Isil Gachet, Executive Secretary, ECRI (Council of Europe)

An NGO's point of view

Pascale Charhon, European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

## **16.45 – 17.30 PANEL 2 – DENIAL OF GENOCIDE AND INCITEMENT TO RACIAL HATRED**

Definition of genocide and review of national legislation

Professor William Schabas, University of Galway, Ireland

Denial of genocide and incitement to racial hatred

Bernard Jouanneau, lawyer and President of Mémoire 2000, France

## **17.30 – 18.30 DEBATE**

## ANNEX

### GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

Speaking time will be limited to two minutes per person or per question, to allow as many Members as possible to speak.

Speakers will be given the floor in the order in which requests to speak are received.

Members who want to supplement their remarks are asked to send texts (preferably in English or French) to the secretariat in advance (e-mail: [ip-libe@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:ip-libe@europarl.europa.eu)). The texts will be distributed during the meeting.

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