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## **27<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

**17-19 March 2014**

**STRASBOURG**

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**AGENDA**

**and WORK PROGRAMME**

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1. **Deadline for tabling questions to the Council and Commission**

- Tuesday 21 January at noon

2. **Deadline for tabling urgent motions for resolution**

- Tuesday 4 February at noon

3. **Deadline for tabling compromise motions for resolution**

- Monday 17 March at 3 p.m.

4. **Deadline for tabling amendments**

to the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the standing committees

- Monday 17 March at noon

to compromise resolutions and other urgent motions for resolution to be put to the vote

- Tuesday 18 March at noon

5. **Requests relating to voting methods (votes on separate parts of the text, by secret ballot, by separate houses)**

- Wednesday 19 March at 10 a.m. **in writing**

6. **Limitation of speaking time** (cf. Article 15(2) of the Rules of Procedure)

**5 minutes for introductory statements**

**3 minutes for speakers in debates** (unless speaking time is allocated differently on the basis of a division of the total time available)

**2 minutes for winding up**

## **MONDAY 17 March**

*8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.*

### **Conciliation meetings on urgent motions for resolution**

*11.00 a.m.*

## **Formal opening sitting of the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

List of speakers:

- Louis Michel, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Fitz A. Jackson, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Evangelos Meimarakis, Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament

*3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.*

## **Sitting of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

### **Constituent meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly and accreditation of non-parliamentary representatives**

1. **Adoption of agenda**
2. **Approval of the minutes** of the last sitting of the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly (OJ C 64, 4.3.2014)
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 16 March
4. **Urgent topic No 1:** The human, economic and social rights of migrants in ACP and EU countries
5. **Regional integration and modernisation of customs for sustainable development in ACP Countries, in cooperation with the EU**  
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade  
Co-Rapporteurs: Piet Van Der Walt (Namibia) and Oldřich Vlasák
6. **Urgent topic No 2:** The crisis in the Central African Republic
7. **Report of the economic and social partners**  
Presentation by Xavier Verboven, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee

## **TUESDAY 18 March**

*9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.*

8. **Renewables and climate change: Human and technological challenges for the ACP countries – Greek and European experience**  
Exchange of views with Kyriakos Gerontopoulos, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (Greece)
9. **Summary report from the workshop**
10. **Mining for oil and minerals on the seabed in the context of sustainable development**  
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment  
Co-rapporteurs: Joe Koim Komun (Papua New Guinea) and Christa Klass
11. **The fight against AIDS**  
Keynote debate with Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS

*3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.*

12. **Statement by Andris Piebalgs**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for development
13. **Debate with Andris Piebalgs**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for development – catch-the-eye
14. **Question Time to the Commission**
15. **Action taken by the Commission** on the resolutions adopted at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
16. **The global spread of terrorism: the role of the internet and social media**  
Committee on Political Affairs  
Co-rapporteurs: Moses Kollie (Liberia) and Zita Gurmai
17. **Report on the 11th Regional Meeting** (Eastern African Region) held in Port Louis (Mauritius) from 12-14 February 2014 – report by the Co-Presidents

## **WEDNESDAY 19 March**

*8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.*

*Meeting of ACP Drafting Committee*

*9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.*

18. **Statement by Kyriakos Gerontopoulos**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (Greece),  
President-in-Office of the EU Council
  
19. **Statement by Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba**, Deputy Minister of Finance (Tanzania),  
  
President-in-Office of the ACP Council
  
20. **Question Time to the Council**
  
21. **Debate with the Council – catch-the-eye**
  
22. **Challenges and opportunities in attaining goals in education and vocational training in ACP countries**  
Debate without resolution with Alice P. Albright, CEO, Global Partnership for Education
  
23. **The state of play of WTO negotiations**  
Debate without resolution with Fred Agah, WTO Deputy Director-General

*2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.*

*Meeting of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly*

*3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.*

24. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
  
25. **Vote** on the urgent motions for resolution
  
26. **Any other business**
  
27. **Date and place** of the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly