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DRAFT AGENDA and WORK PROGRAMME

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MONDAY 18 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 37th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly

List of speakers:

- Teodor Meleșcanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Joseph Owona Kono, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Louis Michel, Co-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
- Călin Popescu-Tăriceanu, President of the Senate of Romania

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 sittings of the 36th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
3. **Co-Presidents' Announcements** including decisions taken at the Bureau meeting of 17 March 2019
4. **Statement by Neven Mimica**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for international cooperation and development on stock taking of Commissioner's five year term, an update on the state of play of post-Cotonou negotiations and the Spotlight initiative.
5. **Debate with Neven Mimica**, Member of the Commission with responsibility for international cooperation and development – catch-the-eye
6. **Question Time to the Commission**
7. **Action taken by the Commission** on the resolutions adopted at the 36th session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly
8. **The impact of Brexit on the ACP-EU partnership**
Debate without resolution with Baroness Patricia Scotland, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat

TUESDAY 19 MARCH

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

9. **Is our economic model compatible with climate change?**
Debate without resolution with Yvo de Boer, former Executive Director of the UNFCCC
10. **Urgent topic No 1: Issues at stake and challenges linked to the rule of law in the European Union and the ACP countries**
11. **The possibilities of renewable energies in bringing sustainable economic development to ACP countries, and particularly to remote areas**
Committee on Economic Development, Finance and Trade
Co-Rapporteurs: Clifford Andre (Seychelles) and Željana Zovko
12. **Reducing the global number of out-of-school children, adolescents and youth in ACP countries**
Committee on Social Affairs and the Environment
Co-rapporteurs: Joseph Yopy Yopy (Papua New Guinea) and Laura Agea

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

13. **Urgent topic No 2: Environmental crimes**
14. **The strategic significance and dimension of the ACP-EU partnership**
Committee on Political Affairs
Co-rapporteurs: Sebastian Kopulande (Zambia) and Maria Arena
15. **The implementation of the global compact on migration**
Keynote debate with Elspeth Guild, Professor of Law at Queen Mary College, University of London

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.

*Meeting of ACP Drafting Committee
Possibly, meetings of EP Political groups*

9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

16. **Statement by Tjekero Tweya**, Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME development (Namibia), President-in-Office of the ACP Council
17. **Statement by Victor Micula**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Romania, President-in-Office of the EU Council

18. **Question Time to the Council**
19. **Debate with the Council** – catch-the-eye
20. **Romania and the ACP Countries – Working Together on the Global Arena**
Exchange of views with Teodor Meleşcanu, Minister of Foreign Affairs
21. **Report of the economic and social partners**
Presentation by Jaroslaw Mulewicz, Chair of the ACP Follow-up Committee, European Economic and Social Committee

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Meeting of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly

3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

22. **Vote** on the motions for resolution included in the reports submitted by the three standing committees
23. **Vote** on the urgent motions for resolution
24. **Report on the 17th regional meeting held in Suriname, Paramaribo (Caribbean Region) from 28 February to 2 March 2019** – report by the Co-Presidents
25. **Summary reports from the workshops**
26. **Report on the Women’s Forum**
27. **Report on the Youth Conference**
28. **Any other business**
29. **Date and place** of the 38th Session of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly