

The Week Ahead 08 – 14 January 2018

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

Terrorist financing. New rules to better equip EU countries to freeze and confiscate criminal assets across the EU will be voted on by the Civil Liberties Committee. Part of a package aimed at strengthening the fight against financing terrorism and organised crime, the draft legislation would also allow national authorities to temporarily freeze assets that are at risk of suddenly being moved, if no action is taken. (*Thursday*)

Endocrine disruptors. A proposal by the European Commission setting new limits for the use of the endocrine disruptor *bisphenol A* (BPA) in varnishes and coatings that come into contact with food will be up for a vote in the Environment and Public Health Committee. In 2016, Parliament asked for a ban on BPA in all materials which come into contact with food. (*Thursday*)

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for January's Strasbourg plenary debates on the work priorities of the incoming Bulgarian Council Presidency as well as the follow-up to EU leaders' decisions agreed at the December Summit, particularly on Brexit negotiations, common defence, the ongoing reform of the EU asylum system and the status of Jerusalem. MEPs will also debate and vote on the new Clean Energy package, which includes measures to step up energy efficiency and use of renewable sources.

President's agenda. EP President Antonio Tajani will deliver the opening speech at the event "Baltic States' call for freedom heard: 35 years since the first Resolution of the European Parliament supporting independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania" on Wednesday. On Thursday, the President will attend the New Year's Reception at the Royal Palace in Brussels and the official opening of the Bulgarian EU Presidency in Sofia.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with the EP's political group spokespersons at 11.00 on Friday. (*Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels*)

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Wednesday 10/01/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

President's agenda

17:05 Opening speech "Baltic States' call for freedom heard: 35 years since the first Resolution of the European Parliament supporting independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania" (Library Hall of the European Parliament - ASP, 5th floor)

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:00-09:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

"Pulse fishing: a European exception?"

Philippe LAMBERTS (Greens/EFA, BE), Co-President, Yannick JADOT (Greens/EFA, FR), Marco AFFRONTI (Greens/EFA, IT), Julie GIRLING (ECR, UK)

10:45-11:15 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

"Kenyan elections 2017"

Marietje SCHAAKE (ALDE, NL)

Thursday 11/01/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

President's agenda

- 08:30 Conference of Presidents (PHS06B011)
- 11:00 New Year's Reception at the Royal Palace
- 19:00 Official opening of the Bulgarian EU Presidency in Sofia

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B-001

Committee on Budgetary Control

Appointment of two Members of the European Court of Auditors

- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - IE nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE) - Hearing of Tony MURPHY - candidate nominated by Ireland (new mandate)
- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - SE nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE) - Hearing of Eva LINDSTRÖM - candidate nominated by Sweden (new mandate)

14:00-15:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Votes

- European Solidarity Corps - Rapporteur for the opinion: Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT)

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Objection pursuant to Rule 106 : The use of bisphenol A in varnishes and coatings intended to come into contact with food - Consideration of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI), Frédérique RIES (ALDE, BE)

Votes

- Objection pursuant to Rule 106 : The use of bisphenol A in varnishes and coatings intended to come into contact with food - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI), Frédérique RIES (ALDE, BE)
- Early non-objection pursuant to Rule 106: Scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community. EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) Directive - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Rapporteur: Julie GIRLING (ECR, UK)

Agenda

- Exchange of views with Mr Christos STYLIANIDES, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, on Civil Protection Mechanism
- Exchange of views with the Commission on the Commission report on the state of paediatric medicines in the EU - 10 years of the EU Paediatric Regulation

09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

- Establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Françoise GROSSETÊTE (EPP, FR)
- Common rules for the internal market in natural gas - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL)

Votes

- Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL)

08:30-09:00 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Vote

Mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders: adoption of draft report and vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations and on the composition of the negotiating team - rapporteur: Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE)

Friday 12/01/2018

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50*

Pre-session briefing