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MINUTES

Meeting of 28 November 2016, 15.00-18.30

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 15.13 on Monday, 28 November 2016, with Elena Valenciano (Chair) presiding.

28 November 2016, 15.00 – 15.30

In camera

In association with the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

1. Further follow-up on Djibouti

Speakers: Elena Valenciano, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Ana Beatriz Martins, Deputy Head of Division, Horn of Africa, East Africa and Indian Ocean Division, EEAS, Agnès Hano, DG DEVCO

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2. Adoption of agenda

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

3. Chair's announcements

4. Exchange of views on human rights in Azerbaijan

Speakers: Elena Valenciano, Leyla Yunus, Arif Yunus, Petras Auštrevičius, Molly Scott Cato, Mercedes Garcia Perez, Head of Division Human Rights, EEAS

5. Statelessness in South and South East Asia

AFET/8/07735

2016/2220(INI)

Rapporteur: Amjad Bashir (ECR)

PR – PE593.827v01-00

Responsible: AFET

Opinions: DEVE – Maria Heubuch (Verts/ALE)

PA – PE593.897v01-00

- Consideration of draft report
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **8 December 2016, 12.00**

Speakers: Amjad Bashir, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Soraya Post, Mercedes Garcia Perez, Head of Division Human Rights, EEAS, Sarah Rinaldi, Head of Unit, Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights, DG DEVCO

6. Exchange of views on the occasion of the International Day on Women Human Rights Defenders

Speakers: Sara Abou Ghazal, Regional Coordinator of Women Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa, Sama Fayez Aweidah, Director of Women's Studies Centre, Mercedes Garcia Perez, Head of Division Human Rights, EEAS, Sarah Rinaldi, Head of Unit, Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights, DG DEVCO

7. Exchange of views with the niece of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche on the human rights situation in Tibet

Speakers: Nyima Lhamo, Niece of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, Deren Derya, Desk Officer China, EEAS

8. Any other business

9. Next meetings

- 8 December 2016, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 18.22.

ENLARGED BUREAU MEETING

Wednesday 09 November, 15.00-16.15

Brussels

Room: ASP 3 G 3

FINAL DECISIONS

1. **Adoption of the draft agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

2. **DROI Work Programme 2017**

DECISION: Coordinators endorsed the following items proposed for the Work Programme.

- 1) Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Tibet and in Xinjiang
- 2) Exchange of views on the rights of indigenous people notably in Burma/Bangladesh/Brazil/Chile
- 3) AFET-DROI joint hearing/exchange of views early in 2017 on R2P including a specific human rights focus
- 4) Exchange of views on Cambodia following the DROI mission earlier this year

3. **DROI missions first half of 2017**

Coordinators received for information the proposed dates for DROI missions for the first half of 2017 according to the authorisation request sent to the Conference of Presidents:

- Vietnam - **Week 8**
- The Philippines - **week 8**
- Bolivia - **week 16 - maybe to be rescheduled because of Easter week**
- Uzbekistan/Turkmenistan - **week 21**

- UN Human Rights Council (UNHCR) Geneva - **in March, exact date pending UN HRC agenda but tentatively week 12**

NB. At the request of some political groups, to follow up with AFET on the issue of a possible DROI mission to Egypt

4. **DROI hearings first half of 2017**

Coordinators received for information the proposed dates and titles for DROI hearings for the first half of 2017 according to the authorisation request sent to the Conference of Presidents:

- Business and human rights in EU External Policies: Due diligence, non-financial reporting, and access to remedies (jointly with INTA) - **week 18**
- The situation of human rights in Syria: The Syria emergency (jointly with AFET) - **week 4**
- Child marriages (jointly FEMM) - **week 12**
- Human Rights and Development (jointly with DEVE) - **week 15**

5. **EP resolution for the 34th session of Human Rights Council (HRC) Geneva**

DECISION: Coordinators are requested to send suggestions for the EP priorities for the UNHRC resolution **by 09 December 2016, COB** to the Secretariat.

6. **DROI reports/opinions**

Reports

- DEVE would like DROI to associate itself to the DEVE own-initiative report on “Shrinking civil society space” (Rule 54)
- DROI INI report on ‘Corruption and human rights in third countries’ - DEVE would like to associate itself to the DROI report (Rule 54 request)

DECISION: Coordinators decided

1) to accept DEVE’s proposal for DROI to associate itself to the DEVE own INI report on “Addressing shrinking civil society space in developing countries” under Rule 54.

A written procedure will follow shortly to allocate the report to a political group

NB. Please note that this will take one slot from our 3 INI reports at one time quota

2) to invite DEVE to draft an opinion to the DROI own INI report on “Corruption and human rights in third countries”

Opinion

- *“Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted and amending council directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents”*

COM (2016)0466 - 2016/0223(COD), Lead Committee: LIBE

Rapporteur(s): Tanja Fajon (S&D)

The AFET Enlarged Bureau decided at its meeting of 27 October to delegate this opinion to DROI

DECISION: Coordinators decided that DROI will draft an opinion.

A written procedure will follow shortly to allocate the opinion to a political group

7. **Brexit study**

The CCC has asked committees to examine the impact of Brexit on their work. It is suggested that DROI ask for a concise and targeted study/briefing from the Policy Department to inform our further thinking on the effect on DROI, for a discussion/working document to be discussed in committee early next year and presented to the CCC in February

DECISION: DROI to requests a briefing from PolDep on the possible impact of the UK’s withdrawal on the policy areas in the human rights field.

8. **Appointing a DROI member to the Petitions Network**

DECISION: Coordinators appointed Antonio Pier Panzeri to represent DROI in the Petitions Network.

9. **Discussion on the hearing on “Turkey and the rule of law” on 12 October 2016**

While still maintaining the flexibility to deal with last-minute changes, there will be a deadline of 4 days before an event for any changes to be notified to coordinators for their endorsement.

10. **Any other business**

- study on universal jurisdiction - A workshop to be organised, followed by a new study
- Mid-term review of the EIDHR - The calendar to be confirmed and input from NGOs to be sought.
- Request from Petras Auštrevičius for possible publication of a document on DROI activities relating to human rights in Ukraine (see EB decision of 15 July 2015) - the secretariat contacted DG COMM and EPRS to further explore what possibilities exist for publications and is awaiting official response.
- *Practical Guide for Members of the European Parliament for visiting places of detention outside the EU* was commissioned by the Subcommittee and carried out by an external contractor. The document was sent for distribution to all Delegations of Parliament, for use on an ad-hoc basis, together with the revised Guidelines for EP Interparliamentary Delegations on promoting human rights and democracy in their visits outside the European Union on 7 April 2016 by an official letter from the DROI Chair to the Chair of the Conference of Delegation Chairs. The Practical Guide is also available in print version and has already been used during missions (e.g. Gambia). These can be redistributed in the next DROI meeting.
- EPP raised the issue of DROI follow-up letters on Cuba and Venezuela - the Secretariat informed Coordinators that the letter on Venezuela was with the groups for feedback; as regards the letter on Cuba; the Chair is awaiting further information from the EEAS.

11. **Next meetings of the Enlarged Bureau**

- 8 December (tbc)

ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
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Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Marietje Schaake, Ruža Tomašić

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Molly Scott Cato, Csaba Sógor	
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Leyla Yunus, Arif Yunus	Point 4
Sara Abou Ghazal, Regional Coordinator of Women Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa, Sama Fayez Aweidah, Director of Women's Studies Centre	Point 6
Nyima Lhamo, Niece of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche	Point 7

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