



Subcommittee on Human Rights

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MINUTES

Meeting of 22 November 2017, 9.00-12.30 and 14.30-15.30,
and 23 November 2017, 9.00-12.30
BRUSSELS

The meeting opened at 9.12 on Wednesday, 22 November 2017, with Pier Antonio Panzeri (Chair) presiding.

In camera

1. Follow-up by the EEAS to the EP urgency resolution on Sudan

Speakers: Patrick Simonnet, Head of the EEAS Division “Horn of Africa, East Africa”, Cristian Dan Preda, Barbara Lochbihler, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Caroline Henderson, DEVCO/D2.

2. Adoption of agenda

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The agenda was adopted as shown in these minutes.

3. Chair’s announcements

- No urgency resolutions were adopted in the October II plenary part-session.
- Other urgency resolutions/others relevant to human rights were adopted in the November I session:

Urgencies:

- Freedom of expression in Sudan, notably the case of Mohamed Zuie al-Abidine
- Terrorist attacks in Somalia
- Madagascar

Others:

- EP recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS on the Eastern Partnership in the run-up of the November 2017 Summit
- The EU - Africa Strategy: a boost for development
- Statement by the VP / HR on ‘the persecution of Christians in the worlds’

4. Approval of minutes of meetings

- 4 September 2017 PV – PE609.567v01-00
- 25 September 2017 PV – PE610.747v01-00
- 11-12 October 2017 PV – PE610.889v01-00

The minutes were approved.

5. Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Sudan, in preparation for the DROI mission in December

Speakers: Patrick Simonnet, EEAS, Head of Division “Horn of Africa, East Africa”, Ralph Genetzke, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Sabine Wenz, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Via Skype: Dr Lutz Oette, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Caroline Henderson, European Commission, DG DEVCO, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Barbara Lochbihler, Ignazio Corrao.

Public hearing

6. Hearing on Freedom of religion or belief: the situation of persecuted minorities, notably Christians

Speakers: First panel: Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief (via video link), Ján Figel, since 2016 EU “Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the EU”, Marcela Szymanski, Head of the EU Office of Aid for the Church in Need (ACN), Amy Shepherd, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Marijana Petir, Lars Adaktusson, Kinga Gál, Andrzej Grzyb, Petras Auštrevičius. *Second panel:* Tun Khin, President of Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK, Dr Jacques P Leider, Head of the Offices of the French Institute of Asian Studies in Yangon and Bangkok, Sheikh Maytham Al Salman, Shia Cleric from Bahrain and Director of Bahrain Inter-Faith, Michael Wakelin, Executive Associate in Public Education for the Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge.

The meeting adjourned at 12.41 and resumed at 14.35 with Cristian Dan Preda (1st Vice-Chair) presiding.

22 November 2017, 14.30 – 15.30

7. Exchange of views on the rights of indigenous people, notably in Myanmar,

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Bangladesh, Brazil and Chile

Speakers: Fernando Burgés, UNPO Programme Manager, Aurea Lolita Chavez Ixcaquic, human rights defender from Guatemala, member Council of Ki'che' Peoples (CPK), nominees for the Sakharov Prize, Maithin Yumon, youth representative in the Executive Council of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP). Klaus Buchner (reading out the presentation of Prof. Andrioli), Barbara Lochbihler, Amjad Bashir, Joachim Zeller, Tove Gant, EEAS, Eliza Moretti, European Commission, DG DEVCO, Anna Volpe, European Commission, DEVCO.

The meeting adjourned at 12.41 and resumed at 9.10 on 23 November with Pier Antonio Panzeri (Chair) presiding.

23 November 2017, 9.00 – 12.30

8. Exchange of views on Children's rights and education: Dhara School in Senegal

Speakers: Mario Cruz, photojournalist, winner of World Press Photo 2016 - Contemporary Issues - 1st Prize, Liliana Rodrigues, Andrzej Grzyb, Sibylle Rieder, EEAS, Desk Officer for Senegal in the Division "West Africa".

The meeting adjourned at 9.44 and resumed at 9.49.

9. Violation of the rights of indigenous peoples in the world, including land grabbing

AFET/8/11130

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Rapporteur: Francisco Assis (S&D)

Responsible: AFET

- Consideration of working document only in English

Speakers: Rapporteur, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Andrzej Grzyb, Petras Auštrevičius, Barbara Lochbihler, Tove Gant, EEAS.

The meeting adjourned at 10.26 and resumed at 10.30.

10. Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Tibet

Speakers: Dolma Tsering Teykhang serves on the Standing Committee of the 16th Tibetan Parliament in Exile, Ven. Atuk Tsetan, Ngawang Tharpa, Deren Derya, desk

officer for China, EEAS, Rikke Karlsson, Tashi Puntsok (Head of Tibet Representative Office)

11. Implementation of the Joint Staff Working Document (SWD(2015)0182) - Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through EU External Relations 2016-2020

AFET/8/09190

2017/2012(INI) SWD(2015)0182

Rapporteur Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea (ALDE) PA – PE612.256v01-00
for the opinion:

Responsible: DEVE, Linda McAvan (S&D) PR – PE610.927v02-00
FEMM – Dubravka Šuica (PPE)

- Consideration of draft opinion
- Deadline for tabling amendments: **24 November 2017, 11.30**

Speakers: Rapporteur, Soraya Post, Marie-Christine Vergiat, Jordi Solé, Luigia Di Gisi (EEAS), Marina Marchetti (EC).

12. Any other business

13. Next meetings

- 7 December 2017, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 12.17.

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- (1) 22.11.2017
(2) 23.11.2017

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Item 7: Eliza Moretti, Anna Volpe (DG DEVCO)

Item 11: Marina Marchetti

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Item 1 and 5

Patrick Simonnet, Head of the EEAS Division "Horn of Africa, East Africa"

Item 8

Sibylle Rieder, Desk Officer for Senegal in the Division "West Africa".

Item 7 and 9

Tove Gant

Item 10

Deren Derya, desk officer for China

Item 11

Luigia Di Gisi

Други учасници/Otros participantes/Ostatní účastníci/Endvidere deltog/Andere Teilnehmer/Muud osalejad/Επίσης Παρόντες/Other participants/Autres participants/Drugi sudionici/Altri partecipanti/Citi klātesošie/Kiti dalyviai/Más résztvevők/Partecipanti oħra/Andere aanwezigen/Inni uczestnicy/Outros participantes/Alți participanți/Iní účastníci/Drugi udeleženci/Muut osallistujat/Övriga deltagare

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ENLARGED BUREAU MEETING

FINAL DECISIONS

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Brussels

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1. ADDENDUM

DROI mission dates

week 1 (1-5 January):	Myanmar/Burma -Bangladesh borders (if feasible) (NB. AFET request to send 3 members on this delegation)
week 7 (12-16 February):	Iran (NB. Jointly with AFET) + Myanmar/Burma -Bangladesh borders (if not feasible in week 1)
week 14 (2-6 April):	Nigeria
postponed to 2nd half of 2018	Egypt

2. DROI exchanges of views in 2017

A.) Initial medical response/first aid for refugees/migrants

DECISION: Coordinators decided to hold the exchange of views jointly with AFET.

B.) Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Yemen

Proposed slot: 22-23 November 2017

DECISION: Coordinators endorsed the proposal. (Possibly jointly with DEVE)

C.) Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Tibet

Proposed slot: 23 November 2017, am

FOR DECISION: Coordinators endorsed the proposal.

3. DROI exchanges of views in the first half of 2018

DECISION: Coordinators discussed topics/titles for exchanges of views in the first half of 2018. Exchanges of views agreed for the first half of 2018:

1. The status of the Arab Palestinian minority in Israel
2. Freedom of the press in Russia and human rights situation in the Russian occupied territories in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus
3. Killing of human rights and environment defenders, and environmental rights
4. Global Compact on Migration that is currently being negotiated at UN level.
5. Respect for human rights in ACP countries in the Post-Cotonou
6. Blasphemy laws
7. Assessing the potential of private sector organisations in the field of human rights and access to legal remedies for victims of corporate violation of human rights in third countries
8. Human rights situation in Guatemala
9. Human rights situation in North Korea

NB: Trial of former Chadian President Hissène Habré, inviting American human rights lawyer Reed Brody who led the case against Habré - will be included in the December exchange of views on genocide

4. Any other business

Ms Lochbihler's proposal regarding follow-up on situation of Sakharov Laureates

DECISION: The Chair said he would ask the Human Rights Action Unit (HRAC) for documentation/operational paper outlining what is currently being done to monitor the fate of Sakharov Laureates; the Chair would try to raise the issue during the Sakharov Prize Award Ceremony in December.

FOR INFORMATION

5. Overview of the remaining budget available for studies, briefings or workshops

Written procedure has been launched

6. Next meeting of the Enlarged Bureau
22-23 November 2017, tbc