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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Hearing

The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015

Thursday, 16 June 2016, 15.00 - 18.30

European Parliament, Brussels

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Room JAN 4Q2

BACKGROUND

The European Parliament is uniquely placed as a fundamental rights actor. As a co-legislator, it has a decisive role in most EU law- and policy-making; its competences on the EU's budget also enable it to play a great role in shaping the fundamental rights policy of the EU. Moreover, it is a privileged litigant before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

In its resolution of 8 September 2015 on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2013-2014), the European Parliament reiterated that it is essential for the European Union, its institutions and the Member States to guarantee the respect and the promotion of the common European values listed in Article 2 TEU and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, both in European and national legislation, public policies and their implementation, while fully respecting the subsidiarity principle.

The European Parliament in its resolution also pointed out that pluralism, non-discrimination and tolerance are among the founding values of the Union. In view of the fact that nowadays in the EU there are cases of discrimination, marginalisation and even violence and abuse against people belonging to certain communities and vulnerable groups, for the European Parliament only policies designed to promote both formal and substantive equality and to combat all forms of bias and discrimination can build a cohesive society.

The objective of the hearing on the situation of fundamental rights in the Union is, within the context of the reports on fundamental rights presented by the Fundamental Rights Agency and the initiatives by the European Commission and the Council of the European Union, to contribute to the on-going dialogue on the mechanisms and methods to better safeguard the fundamental rights of persons in the Union.

Order of business

15.00-15.15

OPENING REMARKS by **Claude MORAES**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament and **József NAGY**, Rapporteur on the situation of fundamental rights in the EU, 2015

FIRST SESSION

Fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015:

Assessing achievements and challenges

15.15 - 16.35

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| 15.15 - 15.25 | Frans Timmermans, First Vice President, European Commission
Presentation on the Annual Report on the application of the Charter |
| 15.25 - 15.40 | Paul van Sasse Van IJsselt
Martijn de Grave
Co-Chairs, Council Working Party on Fundamental Rights, Citizens Rights and Free Movement of Persons (FREMP) |
| 15.40 - 15.50 | Matjaž Gruden, Director of Policy Planning,
Council of Europe
Presentation of the Annual report by the Council of Europe on Fundamental Rights |
| 15.50 - 16.00 | Olivier de Schutter, Professor, Catholic University of Louvain
Presentation of the study on "Follow-up to the European Parliament's Resolution of 8 September 2015 on 'The situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2013-2014)'", commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs at the request of the LIBE Committee |
| 16.00 - 16.30 | Questions and answers session |

SECOND SESSION

The rights of minorities, Roma, intersex people and people with disabilities

16.35 - 18.15

16.35 - 16.45	Tove H. Malloy, Director European Centre for Minority Issues
16.45 - 16.55	Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director European Roma Information Office
16.55 - 17.05	Dan Christian Ghattas, co-Chair Organisation Intersex International-Europe
17.05 - 17.15	Pat Clarke, Member of the Executive Committee European Disability Forum
17.15 - 17.25	Natacha Kazatchkine, Co-ordinator EU Internal Human Rights Policy working group Human Rights and Democracy Network
17.15 - 18.15	Questions & Answers
18.15-18.30	
CLOSING REMARKS	by Claude MORAES , Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament and József NAGY , Rapporteur on the situation of fundamental rights in the EU, 2015

Annex

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