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*Subcommittee on Human Rights*

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**HEARING**

**in association with the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group  
(DEG)**

**“Human rights enhancement via democracy support”**

Tuesday, 19 June 2018, 14:30-17:30

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

- 14.30 - 14.35    Introductory remarks by **Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Member of the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group
- 14.35 - 15.30    **Experiences and challenges in promoting Human Rights and the rule of law throughout the electoral process: the specific role of Election Observation Missions (EOMs)**
- *The role of a Chief Observer and of the EP delegation: a political assessment*  
**Mr Eduard Kukan, MEP**, Chief Observer in the Maldives and Uganda
- *The EOMs field experience: an expert assessment*  
**Ms Holly Ruthrauff**, Electoral analyst/Advancing Democracy
- *The perspective from a civil society organisation*  
**Mr Ken Godfrey**, The European Partnership for democracy
- Debate*
- 15.30 - 16.25    **How to ensure a meaningful and consistent follow-up to EOM recommendations by the Executive: positive experiences from the ground**

- **H.E Jean-François Cautain**, Head of EU delegation in Pakistan
- **H.E Ketil Karlsen**, Head of EU delegation in Nigeria
- **H.E Alexandre Leitão**, Head of EU delegation in Timor Leste

*Debate*

16.30 - 17.25 **The role of parliaments and civil society in following up to recommendations**

- **Ms Ana Gomes, MEP**, Chief Observer in Ethiopia
- **Mr Samson Itodo**, Executive Director of YIAGA Africa

*Debate*

17.25 - 17.30 Concluding remarks by, **Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Member of the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group