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DRAFT AGENDA

Public Hearing on

“The situation of the Rule of Law in Poland, in particular as regards the independence of the judiciary”

Tuesday 20 November 2018, 14.30 – 18.00

Brussels

Room: JAN 2Q2

Background to the Public Hearing

From 19 until 21 September 2018, a Delegation of the LIBE Committee visited Warsaw to examine the rule of law situation in Poland. That mission took place in the framework of the Article 7(1) TEU procedure with Poland, initiated by the European Commission on 20 December 2017.

In follow-up to that mission, LIBE Coordinators decided on 27 September to hold a public hearing with external experts/stakeholders during the LIBE Committee meeting of 20 November 2018.

Order of Business

14:30-14:45 OPENING REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT ON THE RULE OF LAW MISSION TO POLAND (19-21 September 2018)

By Mr **Claude MORAES**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament, Chair of the Rule of Law Delegation to Poland, Warsaw, 19-21 September 2018

14:45 - 15:15 I. INSTITUTIONAL PANEL 1

- Mr Zbigniew ZIOBRO, Minister of Justice, Republic of Poland (tbc)
- Mr Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President, European Commission

15:15 - 15:45 Q&A SESSION

15:45 - 15:55 Austrian Presidency: State-of-play on Article 7(1) TEU procedure
Romanian Presidency: Outlook on Article 7(1) TEU procedure

15:55 - 16:25 II. INSTITUTIONAL PANEL 2

- Prof. Em. Jean-Claude SCHOLSEM, Substitute Member of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe

- Mr Kees STERK, President, European Network of Councils for the Judiciary
- Dr Adam BODNAR, Polish Ombudsman, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights

16:25-16:55 **Q&A SESSION**

16:55 - 17:30 **III. ACADEMIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY PANEL**

- Prof. Laurent PECH, Professor of European Law, Middlesex University London
- Dr. Tymoteusz ZYCH, Assistant Professor at the Chair of Theory and Philosophy of Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw
- Mr Michał WAWRYKIEWICZ, lawyer, "Wolne Sądy" (Free Courts)
- Ms Małgorzata SZULEKA, Head of Advocacy, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

17:30-17:55 **Q&A SESSION**

17:55-18:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

By Mr **Claude MORAES**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament

Annex

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING

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