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Introduction



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DROI CHAIR 2014 - 2017,
ELENA VALENCIANO (S&D)

Driven by our ambition of placing human rights at the very forefront of the EU agenda, we endeavoured to strengthen the role of the European Parliament in speaking up for human rights, including situations of great concern and individual cases, enhancing the strategic importance of human rights in all sectors of EU external actions and ensuring the advancement of human rights on the global agenda.

The international human rights situation throughout the period of our mandates from 2014-2019 has been defined both by steps forward as well as major setbacks. The abolition of the death penalty has contributed to the transitional

process in Burkina Faso and the Gambia, while considerable headway has been made in the fight against discrimination in a number of countries, including Tunisia's adoption of a landmark law on violence against women and the recent decision of India's Supreme Court to decriminalise same sex-relations. Yet positive developments have been undermined by persistent political conflicts with an increase in human rights violations in more than 40 countries, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Yemen, Ukraine, Venezuela and Syria.

Likewise, as we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we continued to witness a rising tide of populist and authoritarian voices worldwide attacking the very concept of universal human rights recognised in the Universal Declaration. Serious challenges that weaken human rights and threaten the very fabric of multilateralism have emerged such as international terrorism to global security, climate change, migration and the explosion of new technologies, giving reason for a new strate-



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DROI CHAIR 2017 - 2019,
PIER ANTONIO PANZERI (S&D)

gic approach based on the universal promotion and protection of human rights.

Over the past five years, the European Parliament has endeavoured to address these challenges, contributing to EU actions to advance human rights at local, regional and multilateral level, engaging actively with a broad range of actors, including UN stakeholders and independent civil society. Members of Parliament have pledged their support to effective democratic institutions and accountability mechanisms, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies around the world and tackling the inequality challenge, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Encouraging international cooperation on migration and refugee situations, Parliament adopted a resolution on the UN Global Compact for Migration and actively participated in the Intergovernmental Conference of Marrakesh on the matter.

As former Chairs of DROI, we wish to emphasise the importance of nurturing partnerships with the relevant stakeholders as an essential instrument for the protection and promotion of human rights. We have championed the cause of local human rights defenders and those individuals on the front lines of human rights protection, through Parliament's annual Sakharov Prize and urgency resolutions.

We encourage the Subcommittee to continue to advance human rights on the global stage during the 9th legislature and to demonstrate its faith in the universal values of human rights by their promotion and protection.

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Elena Valenciano

*Chair of the Subcommittee
on Human Rights 2014 - 2017*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pier Antonio Panzeri'.

Pier Antonio Panzeri

*Chair of the Subcommittee
on Human Rights 2017 - 2019*

The work of the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) during the 8th parliamentary term: summary of activities

The Subcommittee's role and means of action

Throughout the 2014-2019 legislature, the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) consolidated its role in keeping human rights at the heart of the EU's agenda in external relations and parliamentary diplomacy.

The European Parliament has an elaborate set of instruments to shape EU policy debate and to make its voice heard on human rights, democracy and the rule of law. This also makes the Parliament a unique actor in parliamentary diplomacy.

Acting in close coordination with the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Subcommittee was heavily engaged in shedding a critical light on human rights violations worldwide and shaping the agenda for EU policy.

In line with its role and competences as defined under Parliament's Rules of Procedure, the Subcommittee also ensured coherence between all the Union's external policies and its human rights policy.

Under Rule 135 Parliament adopts up to three resolutions on breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law at each of its plenary sessions. These so-called "urgency resolutions" offer Parliament a consistent and effective tool to react to international events and crisis situations and to keep political attention focussed on human rights concerns.

Overseeing EU decision-making remained a key focal point for the European Parliament during the 2014-2019 legislature. The Subcommittee pursued its scrutiny activities using all available means, including its strategic annual report, as well as meetings of the informal "Contact Group" on the implementation of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy. Dedicated question time and regular follow-up sessions to Parliament's urgency resolutions provided ample opportunities to enhance the Subcommittee's dialogue and engagement with the EEAS and the European Commission.

The Subcommittee's delegations to third countries reflected central human rights concerns and priorities. The annual DROI delegation to the spring session of the UN Human Rights Council and to the UN General Assembly in December allowed regular insight for Members into EU priorities and action at multilateral level.

The first ever EP Human Rights Week in November 2018 and hosting the opening session of the 2019 World Congress Against the Death Penalty were major events, showcasing Parliament's unwavering commitment to the protection and promotion of universal human rights, in partnership with international organisations and civil society.

Main achievements during 2014 - 2019

How do we support human rights defenders?

The European Parliament values the important role **human rights defenders** play in the construction of the rule of law and democracy, as outlined in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. In light of continuing attacks against human rights defenders worldwide, Parliament has sought to bolster its role as a champion for those who stand on the front lines in the global fight against injustice and attacks against universal human rights. Furthermore, support to human rights defenders has become a key component of the EU's external human rights policy.

During the 2014-2019 legislature, the European Parliament's urgency resolutions often focused on challenges faced by individual human rights defenders and the shrinking space for civil society.

The Parliament's annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought continues to be one of the EU's most visible actions in promoting human rights defenders and has had a significant impact on laureates, providing them with recognition and, in many cases, indirect protection.

In its 2017 annual report, the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) emphasised the need to use all available means to raise individual cases of human rights defenders at risk and to identify ways to create an enabling environment for independent civil society.

DROI utilised the many diplomatic tools in its armoury to advocate on behalf of human rights defenders. Public statements, hearings and exchanges of views have been complemented by visits to human rights defenders and by quiet diplomacy during EU diplomatic missions to support human rights defenders who are particularly at risk. From the Parliament's point of view, it is critical to publicly call for the immediate and unconditional release of individuals deprived of their liberty as a consequence of their human rights activism.

The Subcommittee welcomed the establishment in 2016 of the EU HRD mechanism - ProtectDefenders.eu - which has been implemented by civil society and has provided critical support to a large number of human rights defenders. Such initiatives are essential tools in ensuring continued support of human rights defenders around the globe and must remain a key priority for the next Parliament so that threats to human rights defenders, such as abuses of Interpol's Red Notices to persecute human rights defenders in certain countries, do not become the new norm.

How do we promote fundamental human rights?

THE DEATH PENALTY AND TORTURE

Abolition of the **death penalty** and the fight against **torture** have long been central pillars of EU external human rights policy. Parliament's hosting of the opening session of the Seventh World Congress Against the Death Penalty on 26 February 2019 reflects its strong commitment to developing a global strategy aimed at abolition.

The European Parliament repeatedly requested the EU to further seek to reinforce cross-regional support for those UN General Assembly resolutions on a moratorium on the death penalty, which received the backing of a growing number of countries at the Assembly.

Parliament also lent its support to specific EU efforts such as the abolition of capital punishment for drug-related offences in Iran, a significant achievement, or the execution of minors, in line with the EU Guidelines on the death penalty.

Prohibiting trade of substances that may be used for **torture or execution** is another way the Parliament has worked towards the abolition of the death penalty and the fight against torture.

DROI has consistently stressed the importance of abolishing the death penalty and eradicating torture and held a number of exchanges of views, in particular, on the occasions of: the World Day against the Death Penalty (2014 and 2017); the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention against Torture (2014); and the International Day in support of Victims of Torture.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MEDIA FREEDOM

In the global context of increasing attacks against **freedom of expression and media freedom**, the European Parliament has intensified its vocal support for these foundational pillars of democracy, while condemning hate speech and incitements to violence. In public statements and visits abroad, the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) championed the cause of journalists receiving threats to their personal safety and facing harassment for publicly expressing their opinions.

In its activities, DROI sought to emphasise that the enjoyment of these freedoms nourishes a culture of pluralism that empowers civil society and citizens to hold their governments to account. For instance, in spring 2016, a DROI delegation to Cambodia expressed serious concerns over laws passed by the Cambodian National Assembly putting in place restrictions on freedom of expression and called on their Cambodian counterparts to repeal them.

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF

Concerns have increased in light of a dramatic rise in the number of violations of **freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief** around the world and persecution of believers and non-believers, over the last few years. Many minorities such as Uyghurs, Kazakhs, Tibetans and Christians, are facing an increasingly repressive regime in China due to their ethnic and religious identities.

The Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) has been actively engaged in this matter, holding hearings in February 2015 and November 2017 on freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) and the situation of persecuted minorities, notably Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East. To further its engagement in this field the Subcommittee also met on a number of occasions with Mr Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Mr Ján Figel', Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the EU.

In its 2018 report on EU Guidelines and the mandate of the EU Special Envoy on the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU, DROI condemned the use of religious issues as an instrument for political ends and violence, harassment or social pressures against any individual or group of people.

How do we promote equality for all?

During the 2014 - 2019 legislature, the European Parliament has continued to play a leading role in ensuring that all human beings can live with dignity and equality in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) has strongly supported the external actions through which the EU fights against discrimination and intolerance.

GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Numerous reports and public debates highlighted the Subcommittee's firm commitment to advancing **gender equality**, protecting **girls' and women's rights**, promoting **their empowerment** and eliminating **all forms of discrimination and gender-based violence** across the globe.

For instance, a 2018 report towards an EU external strategy against early and forced marriages - next steps emphasized serious violations of human rights perpetrated against women and girls in particular. The report also highlighted the EU's important role as a leading protagonist in the protection of women's rights and the necessity to form strong bonds of cooperation with regional organisations and local communities to tackle forced marriages.

This subject was covered in a number of hearings and exchanges of views organised by DROI throughout the 8th parliamentary term (2014 - 2019), including debates related to cross-cutting issues such as violence against women in the Western Balkans and Turkey and gender-based violence in Ethiopia (2017).

CHILDREN

The European Parliament continues to actively promote the **rights of the child**, in line with 1989 UN Convention. Guaranteeing the rights of the child in times of armed conflict remains a serious problem requiring constant monitoring and attention. As a follow up to the hearing held in December 2014, the DROI Chair issued a statement in February 2015 on the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, making a strong call in favour of ending the recruitment of child soldiers by armed forces and ensuring full accountability for crimes committed against children.

Tackling child labour in global supply chains continues to underpin the work of DROI on the issue of the rights of the child. A joint hearing of the Subcommittee and the Committee on Development (DEVE) in July 2018 provided the opportunity for a constructive debate on the situation of child labour in the cocoa and coffee producing sectors.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND INTERSEX PERSONS (LGBTI)

The European Parliament has been actively engaged in combating all forms of violence and discrimination against **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (LGBTI)** while promoting and protecting their rights.

In April 2019, following the announcement by the Brunei government of a new criminal code, the Chair of the Subcommittee stressed that sexual orientation and gender identity are in essence individual choices, which should, under no circumstances, be subject to punishment, legal codification or discriminatory practices. The Brunei government has since announced that it would extend a moratorium on the death penalty for offences under the new penal code. Small victories such as this one represent the importance that DROI has attached to implementing EU guidelines on protecting and promoting the rights of LGBTI persons. Moreover, it illustrates the headway in the fight against discriminatory legislation and the implementation of effective human rights diplomacy at a global level.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The European Parliament is a promoter of the UN Convention on the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities** (CPRD). In its 2016 opinion to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs' (EMPL) report on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities with Special Regard to the concluding observations of the UN CPRD Committee, DROI highlighted the importance of the integration of disability-inclusive disaster management across the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and throughout the Member States.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The European Parliament has highlighted the plight of **indigenous peoples** around the globe in light of growing threats to their rights as a result of the impacts of climate change and increasing competition for land and natural resources. In a 2018 report on violations of the rights of indigenous people in the world, including land grabbing, the Subcommittee called on the EU and Member States to adopt measures for the full recognition, protection and promotion of their rights. It also called on the EU to ensure that all EU policies respect the rights of indigenous peoples in line with International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention n°169¹.

¹ ILO CONVENTION OF 27 JUNE 1989 CONCERNING INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLES IN INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES

DROI has tackled the issue of land grabbing by requesting the disclosure of land acquisitions involving EU-based corporations in order to increase transparency and accountability. An exchange of views on the rights of indigenous peoples in November 2017 highlighted in particular threats faced by indigenous peoples in Myanmar, Bangladesh, Brazil and Chile while a study on the situation of indigenous children with disabilities aimed at providing recommendations on how the EU can improve its action in this area.

MINORITIES

The Subcommittee also addressed the situation of **minorities** in various parts of the world through public hearings and statements. A hearing on the situation of minorities in Ukraine, with a special focus on Crimea (2014), led to a study that provided recommendations on EU policy measures. The situation of the Roma in third countries (2015), minorities affected by the Syrian civil war in Iraq and Syria (2016) and in the Balkans region (2017) were also actively addressed during this legislature.

How do we address the human rights of migrants and refugees?

In the context of the increasing human rights crises faced by migrants and refugees across the globe, the European Parliament sought to develop a humane, coherent and comprehensive strategy for protecting **migrant and refugee rights**. As a staunch supporter of the UN Global compacts on both Migration and Refugees, the European Parliament has taken a leading role in addressing these urgent human rights issues.

The Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) has consistently placed migrant and refugee rights high on its agenda and held many public hearings on this matter during the 8th parliamentary term (2014 - 2019). In October 2015, a hearing on the human rights situation in countries of origin included the presentation of a DROI study on "Migrants in the Mediterranean: Protecting human rights".

In a 2016 report on human rights and migration in third countries, DROI stressed the need for the EU and its Member States to lead by example in promoting and protecting the human rights of migrants in order to maintain credibility when discussing migration and human rights in non-EU countries.

A number of country visits further indicated the Subcommittee's firm commitment to addressing the human rights of migrants and refugees. In March 2019, the visit of a DROI delegation to Rome, including to the International Coordination Centre (ICC) and migrants' associations, focussed on the enhanced functioning of Frontex and its operations in the Mediterranean Sea.

Following the mass exodus of Rohingya people from Myanmar in 2017 due to the perpetration of serious violations of human rights on a massive scale, a DROI delegation visited Myanmar and the Bangladesh borders in February 2018.

The delegation emphasised the need for effective monitoring of the human rights situation in the country as well as unhindered humanitarian access to Rakhine State, and an independent international investigation into the mass atrocities. In addition, in a 2017 report on

Statelessness in South and South East Asia, DROI highlighted the situation of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar, which is the world's largest population of stateless peoples. Recalling the right to a nationality and the right not to be arbitrarily deprived of one's nationality, DROI called on the EU to develop a comprehensive strategy on statelessness that would aim to address urgent situations while pursuing the long-term goal of ending statelessness.

How do we put human rights at the heart of EU external policies?

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS / CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

The business community has an important role to play in offering positive incentives in terms of promoting human rights, democracy and corporate responsibility. Addressing the positive and adverse impact of **business on human rights** and exploring ways of preventing human rights violations in relation to activities conducted by EU based companies has been a DROI strategic priority.

In a 2016 report on corporate liability for serious human rights abuses in third countries, the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) sets an ambitious agenda supported by a study on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (a set of guidelines to prevent, address and remedy human rights violations committed in business operations).

DROI also supported EU engagement in the UN negotiations on a binding international treaty on business and human rights. Parliament's resolution of 4 October 2018 on The EU's input on a UN binding instrument on transnational corporations with respect to human rights strongly backed a binding treaty to create a level playing field for business operations globally.

TRADE

Parliament has sought to incorporate a human rights approach in all its activities on **trade** over the past few years. In a resolution adopted in 2015 to which the Subcommittee gave an opinion, Parliament recommended that the EU's trade strategy be a tool for the promotion of democratic values in non-EU countries. It welcomed the enhancement of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights and eliminate forced and child labour. Emphasis was also placed on the implementation of the human rights clauses in trade agreements as a precondition for promoting greater compliance with human rights obligations.

In 2018, the European Parliament adopted a resolution bringing recommendations on the implementation of the Generalised Scheme Preferences (GSP) EU regulation. The GSP scheme allows industrialised countries to grant generalised, non-reciprocal and non-discriminatory trade preferences to developing countries, thereby assisting them to generate additional revenue through international trade in an effort to reduce poverty, promote good governance and foster sustainable development.

The Subcommittee plays an important role in promoting human rights and international labour law in the beneficiary countries. DROI contributed by emphasising the use of conditionality to preserve the credibility of the GSP scheme and ensure that action is taken in the event of severe and systematic violations of human rights and international conventions.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

During the 2014 - 2019 legislature the Subcommittee has identified the development of **new technologies** as tools in advancing human rights but also as potential threats. Debates have centred on the human rights impact of surveillance and tracking technologies, internet shutdowns and artificial intelligence in particular. In a 2015 report on human rights and technology: the impact of intrusion and surveillance systems on human rights in third countries, DROI noted that certain states have increasingly used new technologies to offi-

cially enhance security and fight terrorism, but in reality have abused such technologies to repress human rights defenders, journalists and political activists.

DROI has consequently backed EU efforts in supporting individuals and organisations working on strengthening privacy protection standards in information and communication technologies at all levels. The Subcommittee has also actively defended the open internet, net neutrality, digital freedoms and data protection safeguards in non-EU countries.

In June 2016, DROI discussed the use of military drones and its impact on human rights for civilians. This example also illustrates DROI's participation in the definition of a new legal framework protecting human rights, concerning the use of new technologies.

How do we contribute to enhancing conflict prevention, accountability and democracy building?

Upholding respect for human rights and international humanitarian law in countries hit by **conflicts and crises** is key to protecting millions of civilians in the world. The European Parliament contributes to this goal by supporting the EU efforts for early warning and preventive action ahead of crises. The Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) has also attached great importance to ensuring **justice** for war crimes and crimes against humanity. To consolidate existing or emerging **democracies** across the world, the European Parliament has assisted parliaments of a number of partner countries, by peer-to-peer exchanges, study visits, seminars and conferences.

During the 8th parliamentary term, the Subcommittee extensively addressed the situation of human rights in regions and countries torn up by armed conflicts such as the Central African Republic, Darfur, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Gaza Strip, Iraq, Libya, Syria and Yemen, or engaged in a path towards conflict resolution, such as Colombia.

In a report on addressing human rights violations in the context of war crimes, and crimes against humanity, including genocide, DROI called on the international community to establish instruments that can minimise the warning response gap in order to prevent the emergence or re-emergence of violent conflict. The Subcommittee emphasised that accountability and reconciliation are key elements in preventing crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Furthermore, it lent its support to international efforts to bring to justice those responsible for severe violations of human rights, highlighting in particular the investigations and prosecutions led by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

On the 15th anniversary of the UN Security Council resolution on Women, Peace and Security, in October 2015, DROI together with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) discussed the situation of women in armed conflicts. DROI emphasised the need to ensure the safety of women and girls in conflict situations through all available means, such as access to the full range of sexual and reproductive health services, including legal and safe abortion, for victims of rape in a war context.

The Subcommittee has contributed to EU efforts to promote democracy, by working on strategies to fight against authoritarian practices and enhancing Parliament's contribution to election observation missions and their follow-up. It has closely monitored and evaluated the EU programmes and initiatives aimed at providing non-EU countries with democracy support, such as assistance to electoral bodies and civil society organisations, and the activities of the European Endowment for Democracy.

Annexes

Annex I

The Members of the Subcommittee on Human Rights 2014 - 2019

Political group	Name		Country
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EPP	TÓKÉS László	(3rd Vice-Chair)	HU
Greens/EFA	LOCHBIHLER Barbara	(4th Vice-Chair)	DE
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ECR	DEMESMAEKER Mark	(from 07/2014 to 01/2017)	BE
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GUE/NGL	VERGIAT Marie-Christine		FR
Greens/EFA	LOCHBIHLER Barbara		DE
EFDD	CORRAO Ignazio		IT

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S&D	
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KHAN Wajid (as of 02/2018)	UK
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POST Soraya	SE
WEIDENHOLZER Josef	AT
ECR	
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KARSKI Karol	PL
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GUE/NGL	
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Members

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NI	
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ŠTEFANEC Ivan (as of 05/2016)	SK
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ZELLER Joachim (as of 05/2016)	DE
ZOVKO Željana (as of 01/2018)	HR
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RODRIGUES Liliana	PT

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WEBER Renate (as of 01/2015)	RO
ALBIOL Marina (until 07/ 2014)	
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BÜTIKOFER Reinhard (until 01/2017)	DE
SARGENTINI Judith	NL
SOLÉ Jordi (as of 01/2017)	ES
EFDD	
FERRARA Laura	IT
FINCH Raymond (as of 01/2019)	UK
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Annex II

Reports, opinions and resolutions 2014 - 2019

Annual Reports on Human Rights and Democracy in the World and the European Union's policy on the matter

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2017 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2018/2098(INI))	Petras AUŠTREVICIUS (ALDE, Lithuania)	Resolution adopted in plenary 12 December 2018
Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2016 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2017/2122(INI))	Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL (EPP, Germany)	Resolution adopted in plenary 13 December 2017
Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2015 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2016/2219(INI))	Josef WEIDENHOLZER (S&D, Austria)	Resolution adopted in plenary 14 December 2016
Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2014 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2015/2229(INI))	Cristian DAN PREDA (EPP, Romania)	Resolution adopted in plenary 17 December 2015
Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2013 and the European Union's policy on the matter (2014/2216(INI))	Pier Antonio PANZERI (S&D, Italy)	Resolution adopted in plenary 12 March 2015

Reports 2018

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
EU Guidelines and the mandate the EU Special Envoy on the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU (2018/2155(INI))	Andrzej GRZYB (EPP, Poland)	Resolution adopted in plenary 15 January 2019
Violation of the rights of indigenous peoples in the world, including land grabbing (2017/2206(INI))	Francisco ASSIS (S&D, Portugal)	Resolution adopted in plenary 3 July 2018
Towards an EU external strategy against early and forced marriages - next steps (2017/2275(INI))	Charles GOERENS (ALDE, Luxembourg)	Resolution adopted in plenary 4 April 2018

Reports 2017

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Report on Corruption and Human Rights in third countries (2017/2028(INI))	Petras AUŠTREVČIUS (ALDE, Lithuania)	Resolution adopted in plenary 13 September 2017
Addressing human rights violations in the context of war crimes, crimes against humanity, including genocide (2016/2239(INI))	Cristian DAN PREDA (EPP, Romania)	Resolution adopted in plenary 4 July 2017
Statelessness in South and South East Asia (2016/2220(INI))	Amjad BASHIR (ECR, UK)	Resolution adopted in plenary 13 June 2017

Reports 2016

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Corporate liability for serious human rights abuses in third countries (2015/2315(INI))	Ignazio CORRAO (EFDD, Italy)	Resolution adopted in plenary 25 October 2016
Human rights and migration in third countries (2015/2316(INI))	Marie-Christine VERGIAT (GUE/NGL, France)	Resolution adopted in plenary 25 October 2016
The fight against trafficking in human beings in the EU's external relations (2015/2340(INI))	Barbara LOCHBIHLER (Greens / EFA, Germany)	Resolution adopted in plenary 5 July 2016

Reports 2015

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Human rights and technology: the impact of intrusion and surveillance systems on human rights in third countries' (2014/2232(INI))	Marietje Schaake (ALDE, NETHERLANDS)	Resolution adopted in plenary 8 September 2015
EU's new approach to human rights and democracy – evaluating the activities of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) since its establishment (2014/2231(INI))	Andrzej GRZYB (EPP, Poland)	Resolution adopted in plenary 9 July 2015

Opinions 2014 - 2019

Opinion	Rapporteur
Opinion to INTA report on the Implementation of the GSP Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 (2018/2107(INI))	Antonio PANZERI, S&D, Italy
Opinion to DEVE & FEMM report on Gender equality and women's empowerment: transforming the lives of girls and women through EU external relations 2016-2020 (2017/2012(INI))	Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHEA, ALDE, Spain
Opinion to FEMM report on Women, gender equality and climate justice (2017/2086(INI))	Antonio PANZERI, S&D, Italy
Opinion to INTA report on Impact of international trade and the EU's trade policies on global value chains (2016/2301(INI))	Antonio PANZERI, S&D, Italy

Opinion to DEVE report on Addressing shrinking civil society space in developing countries 2016/2324(INI)	Francisco ASSIS, <i>S&D</i> , Portugal
Opinion to EMPL report on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities with Special Regard to the concluding observations of the UN CPRD Committee (2015/2258(INI))	Richard HOWITT, <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom
Opinion to INTA report on the implementation of the 2010 recommendations of Parliament on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility (2015/2038(INI))	Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL, <i>EPP</i> , Germany
Opinion to DEVE report on Preparing for the World Humanitarian Summit: Challenges and opportunities for humanitarian assistance (2015/2051(INI))	Elena VALENCIANO, <i>S&D</i> , Spain
Opinion to INTA report on Trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Codification (2014/0005(COD))	Barbara LOCHBIHLER, <i>The Greens/EFA</i> , Germany

Resolutions 2014 - 2019

European Parliament resolution on the EU's priorities for the UN Human Rights Council sessions in 2017
European Parliament resolution on the EU's priorities for the UN Human Rights Council sessions in 2016
European Parliament resolution on the EU's priorities for the UN Human Rights Council sessions in 2015

Annex III

Hearings and exchanges of views 2014 - 2019

1. How do we support human rights defenders?

Date	Topic	Speakers
18 February 2019	Exchange of views on the case of jailed Iranian environmental activists	Ms Tara SEPEHRI FAR , Researcher in the Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch Mr Omid MEMARIAN , Deputy Director, Centre for Human Rights in Iran (via Skype)
19 January 2019	Hearing on attacks on the legal profession and lawyers defending human rights	Mr Patrick HENRY , Chair of the Human Rights Committee, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) – European lawyers promoting law and justice Mr Richard SEDILLOT , Observatoire International des Avocats en Danger (OIAD) (on Turkey) Mr Fuad AGAYEV , Lawyer (on Azerbaijan) Mr Botagoz JARDEMALIE , Lawyer (on Kazakhstan) Ms Nicola MACBEAN , Director, Rights Practice (on China)
22 March 2018	Exchange of views on the killing of environmental rights defenders, and the protection of environmental rights activists	Mr Miguel ZUMALACARREGUI , Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture/World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) – on behalf of protectdefenders.eu Ms Lolita CHAVEZ , Human rights activist from Guatemala and Sakharov Prize candidate 2017 (video message) Mr Francisco HURTADO , Comisión Ecuaménica de Derechos Humanos del Ecuador (CEDHU) Ms Isabel ZULETA , Movimiento Ríos Vivos, Colombia
22 March 2017	Exchange of views with participants from the joint EP-OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) conference on “Strengthening Regional Human Rights Defenders’ Networks in Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Turkey”	Mr David MARK , OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Mr Yuri DZHIBADZE , Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russia Mr Can YANUZ , Children’s Rights Centre of the Istanbul Bar Association, Turkey Ms Oleksandra MUTVIICHUK , Centre for Civil Liberties, Euromaidan SOS, Ukraine
28 November 2016	Exchange of views on the occasion of the International Day on Women Human Rights Defenders	Ms Sara ABOU GHAZAL , Regional Coordinator of Women Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa Ms Sama FAYEZ AWEIDAH , Director of Women’s Studies Centre

13 July 2016	Hearing on shrinking space for civil society Jointly with DEVE	<p>Ms Katerina HADZI-MICEVA EVANS, Executive Director of European Centre for non-profit Law (ECNL)</p> <p>Ms Sophie CORNFORD, The Rights Practice (on China)</p> <p>Mr Raphael SHILHAV, Middle East Policy Officer, CIDSE (Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité) (on Israel)</p> <p>Ms Olga ABRAMENKO, ADC Memorial/FIDH (on Russia)</p> <p>Ms Gaelle DUSEPULCHRE, Head of the FIDH Delegation to the European Union (on Cambodia)</p> <p>Mr Nicolas OPIYO, Human rights lawyer, Chapter Four (on Uganda)</p> <p>Ms Andrea Isabel IXCHIU HERNANDEZ, Indigenous rights activist (on Guatemala)</p>
20 April 2016	Hearing on human rights defenders and land grabbing issues – in the context of European investment in third countries	<p>Ms Hanna SAARINEN, Investment in Agriculture Policy Advisor, Oxfam International</p> <p>Ms Bertha ZÚÑIGA CÁCERES, Member of Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras (COPINH), Honduras</p> <p>Ms Linda BROEKHUIZEN, Chief Investment Officer, Dutch Development Bank (FMO)</p> <p>Padre ALBERTO FRANCO, Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz, Colombia</p> <p>Mr Ali KABA, The Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia</p>
20 April 2016	Exchange of views with Taslima Nasreen , Sakharov Prize laureate 1994, and Salih Osman , Sakharov Prize laureate 2007	<p>Ms Taslima NASREEN, Sakharov Prize laureate 1994</p> <p>Mr David MARTIN (reading out the speech of Salih Osman Sakharov Prize laureate 2007)</p>
17 February 2016	Exchange of views on violence and threats against human rights defenders: the EU's response and the new EU Human Rights Defenders Mechanism	<p>Mr Andrea ROCCA, Deputy Director, Front Line Defenders</p> <p>Ms Manuela PICQ, Journalist and Professor at University of San Francisco in Quito</p> <p>Ms Joan AUDIERNE, Head of Secretariat, ProtectDefenders.eu</p>
17 March 2015	Exchange of views with Michel Forst , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders	<p>Mr Michel FORST, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders</p>

2. How do we promote fundamental human rights?

Date	Topic	Speakers
21 March 2019	Hearing on education in human rights: progress, lessons learnt and challenges	<p>Mr Manfred NOWAK, Secretary General of European Inter-University Centre of Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC)</p> <p>Ms Veronica GOMEZ, Co-Director of the Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LATMA), University of San Martin in Buenos Aires</p> <p>Ms Elena IPPOLITI, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva (via Skype)</p> <p>Ms Cecilia OLUWAFISAYO ARANSIOLA, Founder of Rightarium Foundation and Programme Coordinator of the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network, Nigeria (via Skype)</p>

19 February 2019	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the Arab Peninsula	<p>Hatice CENGİZ, Fiancée of Saudi journalist Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi who was killed in October of 2018 at the Saudi consulate in Turkey</p> <p>Mr Matthew HEDGES, British doctoral student arrested in the United Arab Emirates during a research trip in May 2018</p> <p>Dr. Wafaa YAZIDI, one of the victims of family dispersion</p> <p>Ms Jawaher Mohammed AL-MEER, Student at Sorbonne University who was expelled from the United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Mr Ali ALASWAD, Former Member of Bahrain's parliament</p>
19 February 2019	Exchange of views with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the human rights situation in Kashmir	<p>Ms Christine CHUNG, Human rights officer at the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and expert in human rights, political development and stakeholder engagement</p>
3 December 2018	Hearing on the role of digitalisation in the promotion/protection of human rights and human rights defenders	<p>Mr Mohammad AL MASKATI, Consultant on digital security for FrontLine Defenders and founder of the Bahrain Youth Society for Human Rights (BYSHR)</p> <p>Ms Fanny HIDVÉGI, Head of the Brussels office, Access Now</p> <p>Mr Luis NEVES, Managing Director, Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI), presenting the GeSI Enabling Rights report</p>
20 November 2018	High-level conference to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights	<p>Mr Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament</p> <p>Ms Federica MOGHERINI, Vice-President of the European Commission and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy</p> <p>Ms Michelle BACHELET, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Fatou BENSouda, Prosecutor, International Criminal Court</p> <p>Mr Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, EU Special Representative on Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Emily O'REILLY, European Ombudsman</p> <p>Mr Patrick GASPARD, President of the Open Society Foundations</p> <p>Mr Joel HERNANDEZ GARCIA, Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and vice-president of the Inter-American Juridical Committee</p> <p>Prof. Rémy NGOY LUMBU, Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights</p> <p>Ms Katarzyna GARDAPKHADZE, First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights</p> <p>Prof. Beate RUDOLF, Chair of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and Member of the Board of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p> <p>Prof. Pamela PALMATER, Lawyer and Professor at Ryerson University</p>

4 June 2018	Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Sakharov Award	<p>Ms Patricia GUTIÉRREZ, Representative of the Democratic Opposition in Venezuela and Co-Chair of the Sakharov Prize Network</p> <p>Mr Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, EU Special Representative for Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Kate GILMORE, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights of the UN</p> <p>Mr Antoine MADELIN, International Advocacy Director, Federation Internationale des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH)</p> <p>Ms Emilie DE WOLF, Member of the Protection team of Consorcio Oaxaca, Mexico</p> <p>Ms Aigerim KAMIDOLA, LGBTI issues expert at Feminita, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Ms Lolita CHÁVEZ, Human rights activist from Guatemala and Sakharov Prize finalist 2017</p> <p>Ms Martina BÄURLE, Hamburg Foundation for Politically Persecuted People</p> <p>Mr Kamal CHOMANI, Journalist from Erbil, Iraq, and Research Fellow at the Hamburg Foundation</p>
25 April 2018	Exchange of views on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 3 May	<p>Ms Julie MAJERCZAK, Director, Reporters sans frontières</p> <p>Ms Anne Marie HAMMER, Policy Manager, Global Forum for Media Development</p>
11 October 2017	Exchange of views on the occasion of the World Day against the Death Penalty	<p>Mr Raphaël CHENUIL-HAZAN, Executive Director of Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort (ECPM)</p> <p>Mr James LYNCH, Deputy Director for Global Issues Programme, Amnesty International</p>
22 June 2017	Exchange of views on the occasion of the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture — with presentation of the Guidelines on prison visits	<p>Mr Mark KELLY, Vice President, European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)</p> <p>Ms Barbara BERNATH, Association pour la Prevention de la Torture (APT)</p> <p>Mr Mushegh YEKMALYAN, Head of the European Affairs Office, International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)</p>
21 June 2017	Exchange of views with the Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN) on the mid-term review of the EU Human Rights Action Plan	<p>Ms Kirsty McCOURT, Open Society European Policy Institute</p> <p>Ms Katherine DERRARIAN, Amnesty International European Office</p>
3 May 2017	Exchange of views on the occasion of the Press Freedom Day	<p>Mr Christophe DELOIRE, Secretary General, Reporters without Borders</p> <p>Mr Jerzy POMIANOWSKI, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy (EED)</p>
25 January 2017	Hearing on the situation of human rights in Syria: the Syria emergency In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries	<p>Bishop Antoine AUDO, Chaldean bishop of Aleppo and president of Caritas Syria</p> <p>Mr Shiyar KHALEAL, Journalist and human rights activist from Afrin-Aleppo</p> <p>Mr Matthias BEHNKE, Syria Coordinator at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR)</p> <p>Prof Joshua LANDIS, Head of the Center for Middle East Studies of the University of Oklahoma (via Skype)</p> <p>Ms Sarah Leah WHITSON, Executive Director of the Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch</p>

12 December 2016	Hearing on Turkey and the rule of law Jointly with AFET and the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)	<p>Mr Humbert DE BIELLEY, Deputy Head, Council of Europe Brussels Office</p> <p>Mr Levent KORKUT, Constitutional lawyer, Professor of Law at Medipol University</p> <p>Mr Ibrahim Ö. KABOĞLU, Faculty of Law, Marmara University, Istanbul</p> <p>Ms Emma SINCLAIR WEBB, Researcher at Human Rights Watch (HRW) in Turkey</p> <p>Ms Simone GABORIAU, Member of the Board of the Association of European Judges for Democracy and Freedom (Magistrats européens pour la Démocratie et la Liberté - MEDEL)</p> <p>Ms Salma KAHLE, Executive Director of civil society organisation DAWLATY</p> <p>Père Nawras SAMMOUR, Jesuit Refugee Service in Syria</p> <p>Mr Daniel HOFFMAN, Middle East Concern</p> <p>Mr William SPENCER, Executive Director, Institute for International Law and Human Rights</p>
12 October 2016	Exchange of views with Mr Ali Şahin, Deputy Minister for EU Affairs of Turkey	Mr Ali ŞAHIN , Deputy Minister for EU Affairs of Turkey
26 September 2016	Exchange of views with members of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts on the disappearance of the 43 teaching students in Ayotzinapa, Mexico	<p>Ms Claudia PAZ Y PAZ, Member of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts</p> <p>Mr Francisco COX, Member of the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts</p>
30 June 2016	Exchange of views on juveniles sentenced to the death penalty	<p>Ms Catherine HIGHAM, Reprieve</p> <p>Mr Ali DUBAISY, Saudi human rights activist</p> <p>Mr Oluwatosin POPOOLA, Amnesty International</p>
15 June 2016	Exchange of views with the parents of Giulio Regeni, Italian Cambridge University graduate who was abducted and tortured to death in Egypt	<p>Ms Paola REGENI, Mother of Giulio Regeni</p> <p>Mr Claudio REGENI, Father of Giulio Regeni</p> <p>Mr Issandr EL AMRANI, International Crisis Group</p> <p>Ms Alessandra BALLERINI, Lawyer for the Regeni family</p>
17 February 2016	Exchange of views on strengthening the application of International Humanitarian Law	<p>Mr Stéphane KOLANOWSKI, Principle Legal Counsellor, Red Cross Committee delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium</p> <p>Ms Jacqueline HALE, Head of Advocacy, Save the Children EU Office</p> <p>Ms Monica DE CASTELLARNAU, Senior Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Spain</p>
22 September 2015	Hearing on the International Day against the Death Penalty	<p>Mr David NICHOLS, Senior Executive Officer, EU Foreign Policy, Amnesty International, Brussels</p> <p>Mr Dan DOLAN, Deputy Director, Reprieve, United Kingdom</p> <p>Mr Nicolas PERRON, Program Director, Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort (ECPM), Paris</p>
14 July 2015	Exchange of views with H.E. Mr. Joachim Ruecker, President of the UN Human Rights Council	H.E. Mr. Joachim RÜCKER , President of the UN Human Rights Council

26 March 2015	Exchange of views with Denis Mukwege, laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2014	Dr Denis MUKWEGE , Laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2014
17 March 2015	Exchange of views on human rights situation in Eritrea, with the participation of Sheila B. Keetharuth, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea	Ms Sheila B. KEETHARUTH , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea
21 January 2015	Exchange of views with Ambassador Robert King, US Special Envoy on North Korea Human Rights Issues, on the human rights situation in the country	Ambassador Robert KING , US Special Envoy on North Korea Human Rights Issues
3 December 2014	Hearing on challenges to freedom of expression and democracy in Hong Kong	Yuk Kai LAW , Director, Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor Ms Sharon TAM KANG SHEUNG , Executive Director, Human Rights in China (HRIC) Dr Wong Wai-Kwok BENSON , Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University
3 December 2014	Exchange of views on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention Against Torture	Mr Carsten STAUR , Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations in Geneva Ms Laura DOLCI-KANAAN , Secretary of the UN Fund for Victims of Torture
24 November 2014	Exchange of views with the 2014 Sakharov Prize laureate Denis Mukwege	Dr Denis MUKWEGE , Laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2014
24 September 2014	Exchange of views on torture and the death penalty on the occasion of the forthcoming World Day against the Death Penalty - 10 October	Mr Frederico MAYOR , President of the International Commission against the Death Penalty (video message) Ms Asunta VIVÓ CAVALLER , Secretary-General of the International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) Mr David NICHOLS , Amnesty International Ms Maya FOA , Director, Reprieve
24 September 2014	Exchange of views with the Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN) on the EU Annual Report on Human Rights	Ms Jacqueline HALE , Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN) Ms Gaelle DUSEPULCHRE , International Federation for Democracy and Human Rights (FIDH) Ms Lotte LEICHT , Human Rights Watch Ms Katharine DERDERIAN , Amnesty International

3. How do we promote equality for all?

Date	Topic	Speakers
2 April 2019	Exchange of views on educational opportunities for girls in the Middle East	Dr Izzeldin ABUELAISH

11 July 2018	Exchange of views on the general human rights situation in Iraq with a particular focus on the Christian and Yazidi religious minorities	<p>Mr Francesco MOTTA, Chief of the Asia Pacific, Middle East and North Africa Branch of OHCHR</p> <p>His Excellency Archbishop WARD, Chaldean Archbishop of Erbil, Iraq</p> <p>Ms Lamyia Haji BASHAR, 2016 laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought</p> <p>Mr Mirza DINNAYI, Former advisor to the former Iraqi President Dschalal Talabani and Head of Luftbrücke Irak (Air Bridge Iraq)</p> <p>Ms Amal AL-JUBOURI, CEO, Arab Human Rights Academy (AHRA)</p>
11 July 2018	Exchange of views on blasphemy laws	<p>Ms Maken TZEGBAI, Associate Expert in Human Rights, Protection, Religion, Accountability and Human Security Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Mr Farhatullah BABAR, Honorary Senator, Pakistan</p>
15 May 2018	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in China, with a special focus on the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region	<p>Ms Sophie RICHARDSON, China Director, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Mr Dolkun ISA, President of the World Uyghur Congress</p> <p>Mr Ulrich DELIUS, Director of the Society for Endangered Peoples</p>
25 April 2018	Hearing on fighting discriminatory legislation against women and girls, in particular regarding sexual violence	<p>Ms Paula TAVARES, Legal gender specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Ms Dima YARED, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Brussels</p> <p>Ms Jacqui HUNT, Director of Equality Now Europe Office</p>
24 January 2018	Exchange of views on the status of the Arab Peninsula minority in Israel	<p>Dr Yousef JABAREEN, Member of Knesset</p> <p>Mr Yaakov PERRY, Member of Knesset</p>
23 November 2017	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Tibet	<p>Ms Dolma TSERING TEYKHANG, Member of the Standing Committee of the 16th Tibetan Parliament in Exile (TPiE)</p> <p>Ven. Atuk TSETAN Ngawang THARPA, Member of the Tibetan Parliament in Exile (TPiE)</p> <p>Tashi PUNTSOK, Head of The Office of Tibet in Brussels</p>
11 October 2017	Exchange of views with Members of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Interethnic Relations	<p>Ms Valeriya LUTKOVSKA, Ukraine's Ombudsman and Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Mr Hryhoriy NEMYRIA, Chair of the Rada Committee on Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Tetiana PECHONCHYK, Human Rights Information Centre</p> <p>Ms Mariia KRASNENKO, Legal coordinator, Donbas SOS</p> <p>Ms Olena LUNIOVA, Vostok SOS (East SOS)</p> <p>Mr Boguslaw GERTRUDA, Team Leader "Ukraine, Division Eastern Partnership Bilateral"</p>
11 October 2017	Hearing on the situation of Roma in the Balkans region In association with the EP Delegation for relations with Western Balkan countries	<p>Mr Claude CAHN, Human Rights Officer, United Nations Brussels</p> <p>Ms Martha GARCIA-FIDALGO, DG NEAR, European Commission</p> <p>Mr Selami PRIZRENI, Activist and Musician from Kosovo/Germany (via videolink)</p>

11 October 2017	Exchange of views on women and gender-based violence: the case of Ethiopia	<p>Mr Graham PEEBLES (via Skype), Freelance journalist and Director of the documentary “Ethiopia’s Hidden Shame”, London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms Juweria ALI, Young woman from the Ogaden community, PhD student in Politics and International Relations, University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms Samihaa OSMAN, Refugee from the Oromia region, Member of the Board of Directors of the Oromo Organisation in Minnesota, USA</p>
25 September 2017	Hearing on LGBTI rights outside the EU and implementation of EU guidelines	<p>Mr Vitit MUNTARBORN, UN Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (video message)</p> <p>Mr Renato SABBADINI, Executive Director of International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) World</p> <p>Mr Igor KOTCHETKOV, Founder and Council Member of the Russian LGBT Network</p> <p>Mr Jabeur OUAJAH, EuroMed Network on Human rights (by video conference from Tunisia)</p> <p>Mr Alexander HAMMELBURG, COC Netherlands (the Federation of Dutch Associations for Integration of Homosexuality)</p> <p>Ms Daina RUDUSA, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) Europe</p> <p>Mr Scott BUSBY, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S Department of State (-video conference from Washington DC)</p> <p>Ms Jelena VASILJEVIC, Lesbian human rights organization Labris, Belgrade, Serbia</p>
12 July 2017	Hearing on women’s rights in Afghanistan Jointly with FEMM and the EP Delegation for relations with Afghanistan	<p>Ms Latifa AHMADI, Executive Director, Organization for Promoting Afghan Women’s Capabilities (OPAWC) (video message)</p> <p>Mr Abdul WADOOD PEDRAM, Executive Director, Human Rights and Eradication of Violence Organization (HREVO) (video message)</p> <p>Ms Horia MOSADEQ, Afghanistan Researcher, Amnesty International</p> <p>Ms Malalai JOYA, Activist, writer, and a former Member of the National Assembly of Afghanistan</p> <p>Mr Mirco GÜNTHER, Country Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Afghanistan</p>
8 June 2017	Exchange of views on violence against women in the Western Balkans and Turkey	<p>Mr Maciej POPOWSKI, Deputy Director-General, DG European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission</p> <p>Ms Nicole FARNSWORTH, Programme Manager, Kosovo Women’s Network</p> <p>Ms Nuray OZBAY, European Women’s Lobby, Turkey</p> <p>Ms Jadranka MILICEVIC, CURE Foundation, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Ms Marja RUOTANEN, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe</p>

11 April 2017	Hearing on child marriages Jointly with FEMM	<p>Prof Benyam DAWIT MEZMUR, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Associate Professor of Law and Head of the Children's Rights Project at the Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights, University of the Western Cape, South Africa</p> <p>Mr Fredrik MALMBERG, Ombudsman for Children (Barnombudsmannen), Sweden</p> <p>Ms Lakshmi SUNDARAM, Executive Director, Girls not Brides, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms Ramatou TOURE, Regional Senior Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF West and Central Africa Regional Office</p> <p>Mr Marc GIACOMINI, Deputy Managing Director for human rights, global and multilateral issues, EEAS</p>
9 March 2017	Exchange of views on the occasion of International Women's Day	<p>Ms Hauwa IBRAHIM, Nigerian human rights lawyer and Sakharov Prize laureate 2005</p> <p>Ms Lamiya Aji BASHAR, Yazidi human rights activist and Sakharov Prize laureate 2016</p> <p>Ambassador Mara MARINAKI, EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender and on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security</p>
22 March 2017	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China	<p>Ms Sophie RICHARDSON, China Director, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Mr Dolkun ISA, President of the World Uyghur Congress</p> <p>Mr Ulrich DELIUS, Director of the Society for Endangered Peoples</p>
9 November 2016	Exchange of views on the situation of Bedouins in the Middle East, mainly Israel and Palestine	<p>Prof. Al-KRENAWI, University Ben Gurion in Negev, Beersheba, Israel</p> <p>Ms Rawia ABURABIA, Lawyer from Negev, Beersheba, and representative of Mossawa Center, an Advocacy Center For Arab Citizens in Israel</p> <p>Ms Elena MANCUSI MATERI, Senior Liaison Officer, UNRWA (via Skype)</p> <p>Mr Kareem JUBRAN, Research Director of the NGO B'Tselem, (via Skype)</p> <p>Mr Eid Suliman HATHALEEN, Member of the Bedouin community</p>
30 May 2016	Hearing on minorities caught between the Syrian civil war and ISIS in Iraq and Syria	<p>Mr Sam ANDREWS, Arab Human Rights Academy (AHRA)</p> <p>Ms Sundus ABBAS, President of Iraqi Turkmens in Europe</p> <p>Ms Nadia MURAD BASEE TAHA, Yazidi rights activist</p> <p>Father Ziad HILAL, SJ, formerly responsible for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Homs, Syria, and recipient of the Pax Christi Award.</p> <p>Archimandrite Emanuel YOKHANA, Leader of Assyrian Christians and head of Christian Aid Program Northern Iraq (CAPNI) a partner of Carita</p>
23 April 2015	Hearing on the situation on Roma minorities in third countries	<p>Mr Shaqir HASANTARI, Director, Roma Active Albania (RAA)</p> <p>Ms Katalin BARSONY, Executive Director, Romedia Foundation, Budapest</p> <p>Mr Nadir REDZEPI, Project Manager, Open Society Foundations, Roma Initiatives Office</p>
26 February 2015	Hearing on freedom of religion or belief: Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East	<p>Mr Yassin HAJ SALEH, Syrian human rights activist</p> <p>Mr Mohammed Ali ATASSI, Filmmaker and director of the 2014 documentary 'Our terrible country' ('Notre terrible pays')</p> <p>Mr Raed FARES, Syrian activist and founder of Free Lawyers Association Kafranbel, an independent organisation that monitors and reports on the situation in Syria</p>

4 December 2014	Hearing on HR and the situation of minorities in Ukraine, with special focus on Crimea In association with the EP Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee	Mr Refat CHUBAROV , Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People Ms Valeriya LUTKOVSKA , Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Roman MARTYNOVSKY , Human Rights Lawyer Mr Boris ZAKHAROV , Director of Advocacy Programmes, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union
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4. How do we address human rights of migrants and refugees?

Date	Topic	Speakers
11 July 2018	Exchange of views on the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 30 July	Ms Myria VASSILIADOU , EU anti-trafficking coordinator Dr Esohe AGHATISE , International lawyer
11 July 2018	Exchange of views on migration and trafficking in Nigeria	Mr Godwin OBASEKI , Executive Governor of Edo State, Nigeria Prof Yinka OMOROGBE , Chairperson of the Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking
25 April 2018	Exchange of views on the UN Global Compact on migration and refugees	Ms Pia OBEROI , Advisor to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Migration and Human Rights Ms Sandie BLANCHET , Director, Relations with EU Institutions, UNICEF
21 March 2018	Exchange of views on initial medical response / first aid for refugees / migrants	Ms Inma VAZQUEZ , Médecins sans frontières (MSF) Ms Maria JANMAL , Humanity Crew
25 January 2017	Exchange of views on the UN Global Compact and responsibility sharing for refugees	Ms Narjess SAIDANE , Deputy Special Representative of the Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, Jerusalem Mr Roberto VALENT , Special Representative, United Nations Development Programme, Occupied Palestinian territory
15 September 2015	Joint AFET-DROI-LIBE meeting: Exchange of views with Members of Parliament of Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey	Mr Frans TIMMERMANS , Vice-President of the European Commission Ms Federica MOGHERINI , Vice-President of the European Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Mr Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS , Commissioner for Migration and Home Affairs Mr António GUTERRES , United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
15 September 2015	Joint AFET-DROI-LIBE meeting: Exchange of views on vulnerabilities of migrants and their situation in transit countries	Mr Lindis HURUM , Emergency coordinator of the Mediterranean Rescue operations, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Ms Anitta KYNSILEHTO , Member of the Executive Committee, EuroMediterranean Network on Human Rights (EuroMedRights) Mr Leon PROP , Director EU office, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

15 September 2015	Joint AFET-DROI-LIBE meeting: Exchange of views on respecting human rights in the context of migration flows in the Mediterranean	Ms. Maria DA ASSUNÇÃO ESTEVES , Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament Mr. William LACY SWING , Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
16 April 2015	Hearing on the fight against human trafficking in the EU's external relations	Mr Sebastian BOLL , Regional Research Analyst, UN-ACT Regional Management Office, Bangkok – via video link Ms Beate ANDREES , Director for the Special Action Program for Forced Labour, ILO, Brussels Ms Markéta HRONKOVÁ , Director of La Strada Czech Republic, Prague, member organisation of La Strada International – European network against trafficking in human beings Ms Zoi SAKELLIADOU , Policy Assistant to the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
13 October 2014	Hearing on human rights in Syria, Iraq and the neighbouring countries - with a focus on refugees and internally displaced persons	Dr Thomas SCHMIDINGER , Board member of Liga für Emanzipatorische Entwicklungszusammenarbeit (LEEZA) and Professor at the University of Vienna Dr Leyla FERMAN , Co-President of the Yezidi Federation of Europe Ms Sema GENEL , Support to Life (STL)/Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Istanbul Mr Frej FENNICHE , Chief of the Asia, Pacific, Middle East and North Africa Branch (APMENAB), UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Michele CAVINATO , Senior Legal Officer, Middle East and North Africa Bureau, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
13 February 2014	Hearing on sport and human rights - focussing on the situation of migrant workers in Qatar	Dr Theo ZWANZIGER , Member of the FIFA Executive Committee Mr Gilbert HOUNGBO , Deputy Director General of the ILO Ms Sharan BURROW , Secretary General of ITUC-CSJ Mr Jonas BAER-HOFFMAN , FIFPro World Players' Union, Division Europe Mr James LYNCH , Researcher, Amnesty International Mr Zahir BELOUNIS , Professional football player with experience of Qatar's exit visa and Kafala systems

5. How do we put human rights at the heart of EU external policies?

Date	Topic	Speakers
19 November 2018	Exchange of views on sports and human rights in the context of large sporting events	Prof. Dr. Tove HANSEN MALLOY , Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)
20 November 2018	Inter-parliamentary committee meeting on the topic of human rights and the external actions of the EU and Member States	<p>Mr Pier Antonio PANZERI, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament <u>Mainstreaming Human Rights into external actions:</u> Mr Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights Mr Petras AUŠTREVČIUS, MEP, European Parliament Rapporteur on the Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2017 <u>Business and Human Rights:</u> Ms Makbule SAHAN, Director of the Legal Department, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Mr Juan Andrés CANO, Director of Business Development, Spain Mr Dominique POTIER, Member of the Committee on Economic Affairs of the National Assembly, Assemblée Nationale, France Senator Manuel ALTAVA, Chair of the Justice Committee of the Senate, Cortes Generales, Spain <u>Sustainable development and Human Rights:</u> Mr Ai WEIWEI: Key note speech on sustainable development and human rights</p>
10 October 2018	Hearing on contemporary forms of slavery	<p>Dr Silvia SCARPA, Adjunct Assistant Professor, John Cabot University, Rome Mr Ahmed HAMDI, Representative of Initiative for Resurgence of the Abolitionist Movement (IRA), Mauritania Mr Ramesh NATHAN, Secretary General of NCDHR - National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, India Mr David SEGALL, Policy Associate, Center for Business and Human Rights at NYU, USA (via video link) Ms Rani HONG, Founder of the Tronie Foundation (a non-profit organisation fighting human rights, trafficking and slavery), USA</p>

11 July 2018	Hearing on cocoa and coffee - devastating rainforests and driving child labour in West Africa: the role of EU consumption, and how the EU could help Jointly with DEVE	<p>Mr Ange ABOA, Reuters Correspondent for West and Central Africa</p> <p>Mr Federico BLANCO, Project Coordinator, Fundamentals Principles and Rights at Work Branch -Research and Evaluation Unit, International and Labour Organisation (ILO)</p> <p>Mr Nick WEATHERILL, Executive Director, International Cocoa Initiative (ICI)</p> <p>Mr Remco VAHL, Senior Expert - European Commission, Directorate-General for Trade, Unit for Economic Partnership Agreements - African, Caribbean and Pacific, Overseas Countries and Territories</p> <p>Mr Obed OWUSU-ADDAI, Founding member of the EcoGhana association</p> <p>Mr John ALLOTEY, Deputy Chief Officer, Ghana Forestry Commission</p> <p>Mr Chris BEEKO, Director of the Timber Validation Department, Ghana Forestry Commission</p> <p>Mr Francesco TRAMONTIN, Public Affairs Director, Mondelez International</p> <p>Mr Leonard MIZZI, Acting Director - European Commission, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, Directorate for Planet and Prosperity</p>
18 June 2018	Exchange of views on the business sector's track-record in the field of human rights and legal remedies for victims	<p>Ms Isabelle DURANT, Deputy Secretary-General of UN Conference on Trade and Development</p> <p>Ms Klara SKRIVANKOVA, Senior Private Sector Advisor, Anti-Slavery International</p> <p>Mr Jonas GRIMHEDEN, Senior Policy Manager, Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</p>
24 January 2018	Exchange of views on respect for human rights in ACP countries following the expiry of the Cotonou Agreement	Dr Oscar MATEOS MARTÍN , Universitat Ramon Llull
21 June 2017	Hearing on Human Rights and Development Jointly with DEVE	<p>Ambassador Zamir AKRAM, Chair-Rapporteur of the UN Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development, Karachi, Pakistan</p> <p>Prof. Diana ATAMAIN, Andina Simon Bolivar University, Quito, Ecuador</p> <p>Ms Natalia ALONSO, Deputy Director of Advocacy and Campaigns, Oxfam International, Brussels, Belgium</p>
3 May 2017	Hearing on business and human rights in EU External Policies Jointly with INTA	<p>Mr Roel NIEUWENKAMP, Chair of the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct</p> <p>Ms Maria ALEXIOU, CSR Senior Manager, TITAN Group (member of CSR Europe)</p> <p>Mr Olivier DE SCHUTTER, Professor at the University of Louvain (UCL) and at 'Sciences Po' (Paris), and Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p>
31 August 2016	Hearing on corruption and human rights	<p>Prof. Dr. Anne PETERS, Director for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Max Planck Institute</p> <p>Mr Anton DU PLESSIS, Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies Africa</p> <p>Mr Manfredo MARROQUÍN BOJORQUEZ, Transparency International, Guatemala</p> <p>Mr Igor CHERNIAK, Deputy Head, Kharkiv Anti-Corruption Centre, Ukraine</p> <p>Ms Rebecca VINCENT, Sport for Rights Coalition</p> <p>Mr Kristof CLERIX, Journalist at Knack, Belgium</p>

13 July 2016	Exchange of views on sport and human rights on the occasion of the Olympic Games in Rio	<p>Ms Minky WORDEN (video message), Director of Global Initiatives, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Mr Jonathan CORNEJO, Campaigner, Amnesty International, United Kingdom</p> <p>Ms Andrea FLORENCE, Strategic Alliance Officer, Terre des Hommes</p> <p>Mr Martin KAINZ, Fairplay Initiative</p>
16 March 2016	Hearing on the human rights situation in the countries of origin and transit of migration	<p>Mr Samuel COGOLATI, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Belgium</p> <p>Mr Stefan KEßLER, Policy officer, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Germany</p> <p>Ms Louise ROLAND-GOSSELIN, Médecins sans frontières (MSF), Belgium</p> <p>Mr Peter VAN DER AUWERAERT, Senior Regional Thematic Specialist, International Organisation of Migration (IOM), Austria</p> <p>Mr Oscar CAMPS, Proactiva, Open Arms, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Mr Mazen SHAQOURA, Deputy Country Representative, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Tunisia</p> <p>Ms Catherine TEULE, EuroMed Rights, Paris, France</p> <p>Mr Francois BIENFAIT, European Asylum Support Office (EASO)</p>
3 March 2016	Exchange of views on the recommendation related to the lack of a human rights impact assessment in the preparations of the EU-Vietnam free trade agreement	<p>Ms Gaelle DUSEPULCHRE, International Federation for Democracy and Human Rights (FIDH)</p> <p>Ms Emily O'REILLY, European Ombudsman</p>
16 February 2016	Hearing on trade preferences for sustainable development Jointly with INTA	<p>Ms Cecilia MALMSTRÖM, European Commissioner for Trade</p> <p>Mr Ashtar AUSAF ALI, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Law and Head of the Treaty Implementation Cell</p> <p>Ms Corinne VARGHA, Director of the Standards Department, International Labour Organisation (ILO)</p> <p>Mr Stefan WENGLER, GSP and customs expert, Foreign Trade Association</p> <p>Mr Radboud REIJN, Justice and Peace</p> <p>Mr Zahoor AWAN, President of Pakistan Workers Confederation</p>
1 December 2015	Exchange of views with Fabrice Leggeri, Executive Director of FRONTEX (videoconference)	<p>Mr Fabrice LEGGERI, Executive Director, FRONTEX</p> <p>Ms Inmaculada ARNAEZ, Fundamental Rights Officer, FRONTEX</p>
14 July 2015	Hearing on human rights conditionalities in the context of regional trade agreements with African countries Jointly with INTA	<p>Prof. Jan WOUTERS, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies – Institute for International Law, Junior Lodge, Team Leader, ACP TBT Programme</p> <p>Mr Jacques BERTHELOT, Agricultural economist, Solidarités International</p>

6 May 2015	Hearing on large sporting events and human rights Jointly with CULT	<p>Ms Minky WORDEN, Director of Global Initiatives, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Ms Fani MISAILIDI, Senior Manager of Public Affairs, Legal Affairs Division, Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)</p> <p>Mr Florian BAUER, Special Sport Political Reporter, WDR/ARD German TV</p> <p>Marc THEISEN, Member of the Executive Committee of the European Olympic Committees (EOC)</p> <p>Ms Sarah WIDMAIER, Scientific Coordinator “Research Programme”, Institute for external relations (IFA)</p> <p>Ms Alison SMITH, Director of the International Criminal Justice Program at No Peace Without Justice</p> <p>Ms Esther KATTENBERG, Open Doors International and member of European Platform on Religious Intolerance or Discrimination (EPRID)</p>
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13 October 2014	Exchange of views with the 2014 Sakharov Prize laureate Denis Mukwege	Dr Denis MUKWEGE , Laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2014
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6. How do we contribute to enhancing conflict prevention, accountability and democracy building?

Date	Topic	Speakers
21 March 2019	Exchange of views with Iván Velásquez Gómez Commissioner of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG)	Mr Iván VELÁSQUEZ GÓMEZ , Commissioner of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG)
19 February 2019	Exchange of views on a new EU human rights sanctions regime	<p>Mr Bill BROWDER, CEO of Hermitage Capital and Head of Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign</p> <p>Senator Raynell ANDREYCUK, Canadian Senate, sponsor of the Canadian “Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Magnitsky Law)”</p> <p>Ms Clara PORTELA, author of the EP study “Targeted sanctions against individuals on grounds of grave human rights violations – impact, trends and prospects at EU level”</p> <p>Ms Tinatin TSERTSVADZE, International Partnership for Human Rights</p> <p>Lord Donald ANDERSON, Rapporteur on the report Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions in the Council of Europe’s Parliamentary Assembly (PACE)</p>
23 January 2019	Hearing on security policies and human rights: difficulties and opportunities Jointly with SEDE	<p>Ambassador Mara MARINAKI, EU/EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender and on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security</p> <p>Ms Birgit LOESER, Deputy Civilian Operations Commander / Chief of Staff, Directorate Civilian Planning And Conduct Capability of the Service of Deputy Secretary General CSDP and crisis response at the EEAS</p> <p>Prof Maria ACALE SÁNCHEZ, Ph.D. in Law and Professor of Criminal Law at Universidad de Cádiz</p> <p>Prof Linnea BRUNO, Ph.D. in Sociology and Lecturer at the University of Umeå</p>

23 January 2019	Exchange of views on drivers of extremism and radicalisation and a human rights-based response	Prof. Hilary PILKINGTON , Coordinator of the Horizon 2020-supported DARE - Dialogue about Radicalisation and Equality - project Ms Lurdes VIDAL , Director of the Arab and Mediterranean World Department, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Barcelona Prof. Vlado AZINOVIC , University of Sarajevo, Department of Security and Peace Studies
11 July 2018	Exchange of views on civil society's contribution to the implementation of the Peace Agreement in Colombia	Mr Carlos Andrés GUEVARA JIMENEZ , Programa Somos Defensores / We are Defenders Programme (via videolink) Ms Leyla Andrea ARROYO MUÑOZ , Member of Proceso de Comunidades Negras / Black Communities Process, PCN (via videolink) H.E Sergio JARAMILLO , Ambassador of Colombia to the EU and former High Commissioner for Peace
19 June 2018	Hearing on human rights enhancement via democracy support In association with the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG)	Mr Eduard KUKAN , MEP, Chief Observer in the Maldives and Uganda Ms Holly RUTHRAUFF , Electoral analyst, Advancing Democracy Mr Ken GODFREY , The European Partnership for Democracy H.E Jean-François CAUTAIN , Head of the EU Delegation in Pakistan H.E Ketil KARLSEN , Head of the EU Delegation in Nigeria H.E Alexandre LEITÃO , Head of the EU Delegation in Timor Leste Ms Ana GOMES , MEP, Chief Observer in Ethiopia Mr Samson ITODO , Executive Director of YIAGA Africa
21 March 2018	Hearing on Emergency / humanitarian aid Jointly with DEVE	Dr. Gino STRADA , Founder of Emergency (via video message from Kabul) Christos STYLIANIDES , EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Rosella MICCIO , President of Emergency Stéphane KOLANOWSKI , Senior Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Thierry VIRCOULON , Co-author of the study "The Humanitarian System in the CAR: A Time of Challenges" (commissioned by the Mercy Corps and the Coordination Committee for NGOs in the CAR)
7 December 2017	Exchange of views on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime	Mr Daniel FRANSEN , Pre-trial judge of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon Mr Rudko KAWZINSKY , Former president of the European Roma and Travellers Forum Mr Reed BRODY , American human rights lawyer who has worked since 1999 to bring Hissène Habré, former dictator of Chad, to justice
21 June 2017	Exchange of views with Virginia Gamba, the UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflicts	Ms Virginia GAMBA , the UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflicts
21 June 2017	Exchange of views with Idriss Jazariy, UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights	Mr Idriss JAZARIY , UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights

25 January 2017	Exchange of views on the fight against impunity and non-state actors' accountability for human rights violations	Mr Andrew CLAPHAM , Professor of Public International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva Mr Mark KERSTEN , Researcher and teacher based at the Munk School of Global Affairs in Toronto, Canada Ms Stéphanie MAUPAS , Journalist, Le Monde
15 June 2016	Exchange of views with Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia	Mr Eamon GILMORE , EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia
30 June 2016	Hearing on the use of drones and the fight against terrorism – the impact on human rights Jointly with SEDE	Ms Jennifer GIBSON , Lawyer, Reprieve Ms Radhya ALMUTAWAKEL , Member of the Yemeni Mwatana Organisation for Human Rights Mr Faisal Bin Ali GABER , Yemeni engineer, drone strike victim Mr Peter ROUND , Director of Capability, Armament and Technology, European Defence Agency
1 December 2015	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the occupied territories of Eastern Ukraine and in Crimea	Mr Simon PAPUASHVILI , International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) Mr Ridvan BARIIEV , SOS Crimea
12 November 2015	Exchange of views with Mary Davis, Chair of the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict	Ms Mary McGOWAN DAVIS , Chair of the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict
15 October 2015	Hearing on human rights and the situation of women in armed conflicts Jointly with FEMM and SEDE	Ms Sara LINDVALL , Field representative, Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation in Syria Soeur Angelique NAMAIIKA , Coordinator of the NGO CRAD and recipient of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' Nansen Refugee Award, Democratic Republic of Congo Ms Janet BENSHOOF , President, Global Justice Center, USA Mr Stefan Joseph CAMILLERI , Action Officer at EU Military Staff - Horn of Africa, CIMIC, Human Rights and Gender Issues, European External Action Service Ms Mara MARINAKI , Gender Advisor, European External Action Service Ms Dagmar SCHUMACHER , Director, Brussels office of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)
1 October 2015	Exchange of views with Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC)	Ms Fatou BENSOU DA , Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)

14 July 2015	Exchange of views on protection of schools and universities from military use during armed conflicts, including presentation of guidelines drafted by Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA)	Mr Hans BRATTSKAR , Foreign Affairs Vice-Minister of Norway Ms Ana SASTRE , Director, Save the Children, Spain
17 June 2015	Exchange of views on the respect of human rights and international humanitarian law in the Gaza conflict	Ms Dana GOLAN , Breaking the Silence, Israel Mr Matan KATZMAN , Stand with Us, Soldiers Stories Programme, Israel Mr Ohad ZEMET , Office of the Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel
3 December 2014	Hearing on children not soldiers - how to better protect children in armed conflicts Jointly with AFET	Ms Leila ZERROUGUI , the UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Children Affected by Armed Conflict Ms Yoka BRANDT , Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Ms Mara MARINAKI , Managing Director, Global and Multilateral Issues, European External Action Service Ms Lucia WITHERS , Conflict and Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser, Save the Children UK
11 September 2014	Hearing on the situation of children in the armed conflict in Gaza	Ms Nurit PELED , Sakharov Prize laureate 2001 and Professor at Hebrew University, Israel Mr Matthias BURCHARD , Director, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNWRA), UNRWA Representative Office in Brussels
13 February 2014	Hearing on women in peace processes Jointly with FEMM	<u>Panel I: Challenges for women in peace processes</u> Mr Jesus Ignacio GIL RUIZ , Chief of the Office on Gender Perspectives, NATO - International Military Staff Ms Lena AG , Secretary General, Kvinna till Kvinna Ms Boriana JÖNSSON , Euro-Med Programme Director, European Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI <u>Panel II: Enhancing women's involvement in peace processes</u> Ms Joelle JENNY , Director for Security and Conflict Prevention, EEAS Ms Charlotte ISAKSSON , Gender Advisor to Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO

7. How do we support human rights in specific countries and regions?

Date	Topic	Speakers
AFRICA		
2 April 2019	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Sudan	Mr Rashid SAEED YAGOUR
15 May 2018	Exchange of views with Driss El Yazami, President of the National Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the current human rights situation in the country	Mr Driss EL YAZAMI , President of the National Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco

26 April 2018	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), in particular in the Kasai region	Mr Abdoul AZIZ THIOYE , Director, UN Joint Human Rights Office and UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission (MONUSCO) Ms Modi NTAMBWE , Chair of the Federation of African Associations of Flanders Mr Paul NSAPU MUKULU , Secretary General for Africa, International Federation for Human Rights
21 March 2018	Exchange of views on the alarming situation of the increase of human rights violations in Mozambique, including disappearances of various citizens, allegedly kidnapped by security forces	Ms Salomé SEBASTIÃO , Wife of Américo Sebastião, a Portuguese businessman kidnapped in Sofala, Mozambique, in 2016
23 November 2017	Exchange of views on children's rights and education: Dhara school in Senegal	Mr Mario CRUZ , Photo journalist and winner of the World Press Photo Contemporary Issues 2016 Award
3 May 2017	Exchange of views with Aristride Nononsi, UN Independent Expert on Sudan	Mr Aristride NONONSI , UN Independent Expert on Sudan
12 October 2016	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Ethiopia	Mr Felix HORNE , Senior Ethiopia and Eritrea researcher for Human Rights Watch
22 March 2016	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Libya	Mr Marwan TASHENI , Judge and founder of the Association of Libyan Judges Mr Ramadan AL AMANI , Former public prosecutor Mr Karim SALEM , Cairo Institute for Human Rights (CIHRS)
1 December 2015	Exchange of views on combatting slavery in Mauritania	Mr Mamadou Abdoul SOH , Forces de Libération Africaines de Mauritanie Mr Abidine MERZOUGH , Initiative de Résurgence du Mouvement Abolitionniste - Europe (IRA-Europe)
12 November 2015	Exchange of views on the current human rights situation in Burundi	Mr Thierry Jean Daniel VIRCOULON , Director, International Crisis Group (ICG)
22 October 2015	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Eritrea	Mr Biniam Simon SOLOMON , Journalist, Erena radio station, Paris Ms Birthe ANKENBRAND , Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva
22 September 2015	Exchange for views on the human rights situation in Sudan	Dr Suliman BALDO , Expert on the human rights situation in Sudan Dr Amin Mekki MEDANI , Former President of the NGO Sudan Human Rights Monitor
2 July 2015	Exchange of views: Update on the human rights situation in Angola	Mr Emanuel MATONDO , Network for Angola, Germany Ms Emma ACHILLI , Front Line Defenders

28 May 2015	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Egypt	Dr Hafez Abu SAEDA , President of the Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights (EOHR) Mr Bahey eldin HASSAN , Director and founder of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS)
28 May 2015	Exchange of views with Habib Essid, Prime Minister of Tunisia	Mr Habib ESSID , Prime Minister of Tunisia
20 November 2014	Exchange of views with Driss El Yazami, President of the National Human Rights Council of Morocco	Mr Driss EL YAZAMI , President of the National Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco (CNDH)
20 November 2014	Exchange of views with Moroccan NGOs	Mr EL YAZAMI , President of the National Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco (CNDH) Mr Michel TUBIANA , President of Réseau euro-méditerranéen des droits de l'homme (RMDH) Ms Samira BIKARDEN , Representing the coalition of Moroccan NGOs «Le Printemps de la dignité» Mr Nicolas BERGER , Director, Amnesty International Brussels Office
ASIA		
23 January 2019	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in North Korea	Mr Tomás Ojea QUINTANA , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK
15 May 2018	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Afghanistan	Ms Heather BARR , Human Rights Watch Ms Huma SAEED , Consultant with the Afghanistan Public Policy and Research Organisation
17 February 2017	Exchange of views on the situation of human rights, notably of women and girls, in Afghanistan	Ms Huma SAEED , Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC) Ms Maya PASTAKIA , Researcher, Amnesty International
28 November 2016	Exchange of views with the niece of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche on the human rights situation in Tibet	Ms Nyima LHAMO , Niece of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche
12 October 2016	Exchange of views with a delegation from the ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR)	Mr Charles SANTIAGO , Chairman of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) Ms Mu SOCHUA , Vice-Chair of ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) Mr Kasit PIROMYA , MP from the Democratic Party of Thailand Ms Mercy BARENDIS , Member of the House of Representatives, Indonesia
13 July 2016	Exchange of views with Sam Rainsy, Cambodian opposition leader, on Cambodia's state of democracy and human rights situation	Mr Sam RAINSY , Leader of the opposition party Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), Cambodia
16 March 2016	Exchange of views with Golog Jigme, Tibetan human rights activist	Mr Golog JIGME , Tibetan political prisoner

22 October 2015	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Tibet	<p>Ms Marie HOLZMAN, President of the association Solidarité Chine and board member of Human Rights in China (HRIC)</p> <p>Mr Vincent METTEN, EU Policy Director, International Campaign for Tibet (ICT)</p> <p>Mr Lobsang TSERING, Nephew of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche who died on 12 July 2015 in prison in China while serving a life sentence</p> <p>Prof. Françoise ROBIN, Institut National des Langues et des Civilisations Orientales</p>
14 July 2015	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Cambodia	<p>Dr. Kek GALABRU, President of Ligue cambodgienne pour la promotion et la défense des droits de l'homme (LICADHO)</p> <p>Ms Gaëlle DUSEPULCHRE, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)</p>
6 May 2015	Exchange of views on human rights in Central Asia	<p>Ms Mihra RITTMANN, Central Asia Researcher, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Mr Yevgeniy ZHOVTIS, Head of the Kazakh International Bureau for Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Nadejda ATAYEVA, President of the Association for Human Rights in Central Asia (AHRCA)</p> <p>Mr Yuri DZHIBLADZE, CrudeAccountability.org / Prove They are Alive Campaign</p>
EUROPE AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES		
21 March 2018	Exchange of views on freedom of the press in Russia and the human rights situation in the Russian-occupied and disputed territories	<p>Ms Tatiana GLUSHKOVA, Lawyer, Memorial (Russian human rights organisation awarded the Sakharov Prize in 2009)</p> <p>Mr Philippe DAM, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch</p>
6 February 2017	Exchange of views on the current human rights situation in Belarus	<p>Mr Miklós HARASZTI, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Belarus</p> <p>Ms Lubov KOVALEVA, Member of "Human Rights Defenders Against the Death Penalty in Belarus"</p> <p>Mr Andrei PALUDA, Lawyer and civic activist</p> <p>Mr Valiantsin STEFANOVICH, Human Rights Center "Viasna", Belarus</p>
16 March 2016	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Crimea	<p>Mr Boris ZAKHAROV, Ukrainian Helsinki Union</p> <p>Ms Sevgili MUSAIEVA-BOROVIK, Editor of the Ukrainska Pravda news website and Crimean media expert</p> <p>Mr Bogdan KRYKLYVENKO, Head of the Secretariat, Ombudsman of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights</p>
16 March 2016	Exchange of views with the offices of the Ombudsmen from Eastern Partnership and Western Balkans Countries	<p>Mr Adam BODNAR, Polish Ombudsman</p> <p>Ms Debbie KOHNER, Secretary General of the European Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)</p> <p>Mr Saša JANKOVIĆ, Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Mr Mihail COTOROBAI, People's Advocate of the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Mr Paata BELTADZE, First Deputy Public Defender of Georgia</p> <p>Mr Bogdan KRYKLYVENKO, Head of the Secretariat, Ombudsman of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights</p> <p>Mr Hilmi JASHARI, Ombudsman of Kosovo</p> <p>Mr Aydin SAFIKHANLI, Head of the Ombudsman Office, Azerbaijan,</p> <p>Mr Mihail COTOROBAI, People's Advocate of the Republic of Moldova</p>

25 January 2016	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Georgia	Mr Giorgi TUGUSHI , Chair of the Georgian Democracy Initiative Ms Tamar KINTSURASHVILI , Chair of the Georgian civil society organisation Media Development Foundation (MDF) Ms Sopio JAPARIDZE , Adviser to the Prime Minister of Georgia on Human Rights and Gender Equality Issues
16 April 2015	Exchange of views on the current human rights situation in Belarus	Mr Ales BIALIATSKI , Chair of Human Rights Centre Viasna and Vice Chair of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) Mr Miklós HARASZTI , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Belarus
THE AMERICAS		
18 June 2018	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Guatemala	Ms Anabella SIBRIÁN , Director, Plataforma Internacional contra la Impunidad Mr Jorge Alberto SANTOS CONTRERAS , Coordinator, Unidad de Protección a Defensoras y Defensores de Derechos Humanos - Guatemala (UDEFEQUA)
11 December 2017	Exchange of views with the 2017 Sakharov Prize laureates, the representatives of the Democratic Opposition in Venezuela	Mr Julio BORGES , representing the National Assembly of Venezuela <u>Representing the political prisoners of Venezuela:</u> Mr Leopoldo LÓPEZ Mr Antonio LEDEZMA Mr Daniel CEBALLOS Mr Yon GOICOECHEA Mr Lorent SALEH Mr Alfredo RAMOS Mr Andrea GONZÁLEZ
21 June 2017	Exchange of views on forced sterilisation in Peru	Ms Blanco VALER , Specialist on indigenous issues, Latin America Solidarity Group, Sweden Ms Carmen NUNEZ-BORJA , Social researcher on gender, migration and human rights, Belgium
12 October 2016	Exchange of views with the EEAS on EU-Cuba Relations, with a focus on the human rights situation	Mr Stavros LAMBRINIDIS , EU Special Representative for Human Rights Mr Guillermo FARIÑAS , Sakharov Prize Laureate Mr Alejandro GONZALEZ RAGA , Cuban Observatory of Human Rights
12 October 2016	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Venezuela	Ms Desiree CABRERA , Representative of the Comité de Víctimas de la Guarimba y del Golpe Continuo Mr Ramón Guillermo AVELEDO , Secretary for Foreign Relations, Mesa de la Unidad Democrática Ms Delsa SOLORZANO , Member of the Latin American Parliament (Parlatino) and Coordinator of the Commission on Human Rights Mr Alfredo ROMERO , Executive Director, Foro Penal Venezolano Mr Marino ALVARADO , Lawyer from the Venezuelan Programme for Education – Action in Human Rights (PROVEA)

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18 February 2019	Exchange of views with H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States	H.E. Mr. Ahmed ABOUL GHEIT , Secretary-General of the League of Arab States
24 January 2019	Exchange of views with on the current human rights and humanitarian situation in Yemen	Mr Kamel JENDOUBI , Chairperson of the Group of International and Regional Eminent Experts on Yemen Ms Rula JEBREAL , Award-winning journalist, author and foreign policy analyst. Ms Farian SABAH , Ph.D., author and award-winning journalist specializing in the Middle East and in particular Iran and Yemen, with a particular focus on gender issues. Ms Radhya AL-MUTAWAKEL , Yemeni human rights defender, co-founder and chairperson of Mwatana Organisation For Human Rights. Ms Regina EGLE LIOTTA CATRAMBONE , Co-Founder - Director of Migrants Offshore Aid Station (MOAS)
19 November 2018	Exchange of views on the EU Human Rights policy with Saudi Arabia	Ms Madawi AL RASHEED , Visiting Professor, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science Ms Oaima ALNAJJAR , Saudi activist and blogger from the Shia minority group of the Eastern province Ms Ensaf HAIDAR , wife of Sakharov Prize laureate in 2015 Raif Badawi Ms Hana AL-KHARMI , Journalist from Saudi Arabia Ms Dana AHMED (via video link), Amnesty International's Saudi Arabia researcher
26 April 2018	Exchange of views with Dr. Ali bin Samikh Al Marri, Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar	Dr. Ali bin Samikh AL MARRI , Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar
24 January 2018	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Yemen	Mr Jamie McGOLDRICK (via video link from Yemen), United Nations Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Ms Iona CRAIG , Journalist Ms Tayyiba BAJWA , Reprieve
23 April 2015	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Syria on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the uprising	Mr Yassin Hadj SALEH , Human rights defender Mr Mohammed Ali ATASSI , Syrian film producer Ms Salima KAHLE , Director, Dawlaty
24 September 2014	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Bahrain with Nabeel Rajab , Deputy Secretary-General of the International Federation for Democracy and Human Rights (FIDH)	Mr Nabeel RAJAB , Deputy Secretary-General of the International Federation for Democracy and Human Rights (FIDH) Mr Husain ABDULLA , Executive Director of Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain (ADHRB)

Annex IV

Studies 2014 - 2019

Studies published in 2018

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI	Published
Contemporary forms of slavery	Silvia SCARPA , Adjunct Professor of Political Science, John Cabot University and Adjunct Professor of International Law, LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy	11 October 2018	December 2018
Universal jurisdiction and international crimes: Constraints and best practices	Julia KREBS , Project Officer, Trans European Policy Studies Association, Belgium Cedric RYNGAERT , Professor of Public International Law, Utrecht University, The Netherlands Florian JEBBERGER , Professor of Criminal Law, Faculty of Law, Universität Hamburg, Germany	Workshop in association with LIBE and JURI 28 June 2018	September 2018
Targeted sanctions against individuals on grounds of grave human rights violations – impact, trends and prospects at EU level	Clara PORTELA , Political Science Faculty Member, University of Valencia, Spain	15 May 2018	April 2018
Enhancing EU actions on economic, social and cultural rights within its human rights policy	Annabel EGAN , Independent Human Rights Consultant, Egan Consulting, Ireland Laurent PECH , Professor of European Law, Middlesex University London, United Kingdom Colm O'CONNOR , Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law, University College London, United Kingdom	25 April 2018	February 2018
Human rights in Ukraine and the EU response, including relevant activities of the European Parliament	András RÁCZ , Associate Professor, Péter Pázmány Catholic University Hungary Narine GHAZARYAN , Assistant Professor, School of Law University of Nottingham, United Kingdom Sergiy GERASYMCHUK , Senior Research Fellow, Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism'	24 January 2018	January 2018

Rule of law and human rights in Cuba and Venezuela and EU engagement	Par ENGSTROM , Associate Professor in Human Rights, Institute of the Americas, University College London, United Kingdom Giulia BONACQUISTI , Project Manager, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Belgium	Workshop in association with the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly 6 September 2018	November 2018
Human rights in Belarus: The EU's role since 2016	Giselle BOSSE , Associate Professor, Maastricht University, The Netherlands Alena VIEIRA , Professor, University of Minho, Portugal	19 June 2018	June 2018
Expansion of the concept of human rights: Impact on rights promotion and protection	Giulia BONACQUISTI , Project Manager, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Belgium Rosa FREEDMAN , Professor of Law, Conflict and Global Development, Law School, University of Reading Malcolm LANGFORD , Professor of Public Law, University of Oslo and Co-Director of the Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen and Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway	Workshop 24 January 2018	March 2018

Studies published in 2017

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI	Published
The situation of indigenous children with disabilities	Isabel INGUANZO , Assistant Professor, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Spain	21 March 2018	December 2017
Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights	Beata Faracik , Human Rights Expert, President of the Board, Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business, Poland	3 May 2017 at joint DROI-INTA hearing on business and human rights	February 2017
Human rights in Iran after the nuclear deal: Business as usual or time for change?	Firouzeh NAHAVANDI , Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium Nazila GHANEA , Associate Professor, University of Oxford, United Kingdom Giulia BONACQUISTI , Project Officer, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Belgium	Workshop 24 January 2017	March 2017
Shrinking space for civil society: the EU response	Richard YOUNGS , Senior Fellow at Carnegie Europe, Belgium and Professor at the University of Warwick, United Kingdom Ana ECHAGÜE , independent consultant	22 March 2017 (DROI) 25 April 2017 (DEVE)	April 2017
Towards an EU common position on the use of armed drones	Jessica DORSEY , Associate Fellow, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, The Netherlands Giulia BONACQUISTI , Project Officer, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Belgium	Workshop in association with SEDE 22 March 2017	June 2017

Labour rights in Export Processing Zones with a focus on GSP+ beneficiary countries	Benjamin RICHARDSON , Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, United Kingdom James HARRISON , Law School, University of Warwick, United Kingdom Liam CAMPLING , School of Business and Management, Queen Mary University London, United Kingdom	25 January 2018	June 2017
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Studies published in 2016

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI	Published
Sexual violence against minors in Latin America	Dr. Jelke BOESTEN , Reader Gender and Development, Director of Teaching, International Development Institute, King's College, London	1st presentation 22 March 2017 2nd presentation 24 May 2017	October 2016
Land grabbing and human rights: The involvement of European corporate and financial entities in land grabbing outside the European Union	Saturnino M. BORRAS Jr. , Professor, International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands Philip SEUFERT , Programme Coordinator, FIAN International, Germany Stephan BACKES , Advocacy Officer, FIAN International, Belgium Daniel FYFE , Research and Advocacy Assistant, FIAN International, Switzerland Roman HERRE , Senior Policy Advisor, FIAN Germany, Germany Laura MICHELE , Programme Officer, FIAN International, Germany Elyse MILLS , Researcher, International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands	11 October 2017	May 2016
Human rights in North Korea: accountability vs. engagement?	Mariam KHOTENASHVILI , Project Officer, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Belgium	20 April 2016	May 2016
Human rights in North Korea: accountability vs. engagement?	Mariam KHOTENASHVILI , Project Officer, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Belgium	20 April 2016	May 2016
The situation of national minorities in Crimea following its annexation by Russia	Natalia SHAPOVALOVA , CASE – Center for Social and Economic Research, Poland Olga BURLYUK , Centre for EU Studies, Ghent University, in association with Policy Association for an Open Society, Czech Republic		April 2016
The frozen conflicts of the EU's Eastern neighbourhood and their impact on the respect of human rights	Andras RACZ , Senior Research Fellow, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland	8 December 2015	April 2016

Studies published in 2015

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI	Published
Migrants in the Mediterranean: Protecting human rights	<p>Samuel COGOLATI, PhD Fellow of the Research Foundation, Flanders (FWO), Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Institute for International Law, KU Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>Nele VERLINDEN, PhD Fellow of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Institute for International Law, KU Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>Pierre SCHMITT, Project Manager and Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Institute for International Law, KU Leuven, Belgium</p>	Presented at a DROI hearing on migration 17 March 2016	October 2015
Trafficking in human organs	Michael BOS , Chair of the Ethics Committee of Eurotransplant International Foundation, The Netherlands		July 2015
Conflict and cooperation overwater: The role of the EU in ensuring the realisation of human rights	Inga WINKLER , Scholar in residence, NYU Center for Human Rights & Global Justice, USA	16 June 2014	July 2015
Occupation / annexation of a territory: Respect for international humanitarian law and human rights	Pål WRANGE , Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, Stockholm University, Sweden	2 July 2015	June 2015
Visiting places of detention outside the EU - A guide for Members of the European Parliament	Tanya NORTON , Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), Geneva, Switzerland	22 June 2017	June 2015
Surveillance and censorship: The impact of technologies on human rights	<p>Ben WAGNER, Centre for Internet and Human Rights, European University Viadrina, Germany</p> <p>Joanna BRONOWICKA, Centre for Internet and Human Rights, European University Viadrina, Germany</p> <p>Cathleen BERGER, Centre for Internet and Human Rights, European University Viadrina, Germany</p> <p>Thomas BEHRNDT, Centre for Internet and Human Rights, European University Viadrina, Germany</p>		April 2015

Studies published in 2014

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI	Published
Addressing the human rights impact of statelessness in the EU's external actions	Laura VAN WAAS , Senior Researcher and Manager of the Statelessness Programme, Tilburg University, The Netherlands	21 January 2015	November 2014
A comparative study of EU and US approaches to human rights in external relations	<p>Jan WOUTERS, Professor of International Law and International Organizations; Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies - Institute for International Law, University of Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>Laura BEKE, Junior Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>Anna-Luise CHANÉ, Junior Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>David D'HOLLANDER, Assistant Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, Belgium</p> <p>Dr. Kolja RAUBE, Senior Researcher, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, and Centre for European Studies, University of Leuven, Belgium</p>		November 2014
Indigenous peoples, extractive industries and human rights	Julian BURGER , Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, United Kingdom	11 September 2014	September 2014
Child soldiers and the EU policy on children and armed conflict	<p>Wouter VANDENHOLE, Chair in Human Rights UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights - a joint venture of the University of Antwerp and UNICEF Belgium, Belgium</p> <p>Yannick WEYNS, Researcher, Law and Development Research Group of the Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium</p>	7 March 2014	March 2014

Annex V

Delegations 2014 - 2019

Date	Destination	Participants
AFRICA		
3 - 7 April 2018	Nigeria	Joachim ZELLER , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Miroslav MIKOLÁŠIK , <i>EPP</i> , Slovakia Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Judith SARGENTINI , <i>The Greens/EFA</i> , The Netherlands
16 - 20 December 2017	Sudan	Cristian Dan PREDA (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Romania Francis ZAMMIT DIMECH , <i>EPP</i> , Malta Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Karol KARSKI , <i>ECR</i> , Poland
19 - 23 September 2016	The Gambia	David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Richard HOWITT , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Karol KARSKI , <i>ECR</i> , Poland Judith SARGENTINI , <i>Greens/Efa</i> , The Netherlands
ASIA		
12 - 16 February 2018	Myanmar/Burma - Bangladesh borders	<u>DROI MEPs</u> Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Italy Joachim ZELLER , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Amjad BASHIR , <i>ECR</i> , UK Barbara LOCHBIHLER , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Germany <u>AFET MEPs</u> Jo LEINEN , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Urmas PAET , <i>ALDE</i> , Estonia <u>INTA MEPs</u> David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom <u>ASEAN MEPs</u> Marc TARABELLA , <i>S&D</i> , Belgium
17 - 23 July 2017	Philippines	Soraya POST (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Adam KÓSA , <i>EPP</i> , Hungary Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Rikke KARLSSON , <i>ECR</i> , Denmark
20 - 24 February 2017	Vietnam	Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Italy Lars ADAKTUSSON , <i>PPE</i> , Sweden Adam KÓSA , <i>PPE</i> , Hungary Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Beatriz BECERRA , <i>ALDE</i> , Spain

20 May 2016	Thailand	Pier Antonio PANZERI , <i>S&D</i> , Italy
28 March - 2 April 2016	Cambodia	Josef WEIDENHOLZER (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Austria - Chair Lars ADAKTUSSON , <i>EPP</i> , Sweden Andrey KOVATCHEV , <i>EPP</i> , Bulgaria Enrique GUERRERO SALOM , <i>S&D</i> , Spain David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Petras AUŠTREVICIUS , <i>ALDE</i> , Lithuania Barbara LOCHBIHLE , <i>The Greens/European Free Alliance</i> , Germany
16 - 20 February 2015	Bangladesh	Cristian Dan PREDA (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Romania Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Karol KARSKI , <i>ECR</i> , Poland
EUROPE AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES		
17 - 19 September 2018	Turkey	Ms Marietje SCAAKE (Head of Delegation), <i>ALDE</i> , The Netherlands Ms Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Mr Wadjid KHAN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom
22 - 25 May 2017	Uzbekistan	Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Joachim ZELLER , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Klaus BUCHNER , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Germany
16 - 18 May 2016	Turkey	Marietje SCHAAKE (Head of Delegation), <i>ALDE</i> , The Netherlands Arne LIETZ , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Liliana RODRIGUES , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal
23 - 25 September 2015	Serbia	AFET MEPS Elmar BROK , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Lars ADAKTUSSON , <i>EPP</i> , Sweden Cristian Dan PREDA , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Afzal KHAN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Tonino PICULA , <i>S&D</i> , Croatia Jozo RADOŠ , <i>ALDE</i> , Croatia Ulrike LUNACEK , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Austria DROI MEPS László TÖKÉS , (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Hungary Andrey KOVATCHEV , <i>EPP</i> , Bulgaria Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden
20 - 24 July 2015	Ukraine	AFET MEPS Elmar BROK (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Germany Andrej PLENKOVIĆ , <i>EPP</i> , Croatia Sandra KALNIETE , <i>EPP</i> , Latvia Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS , <i>EPP</i> , Lithuania Richard HOWITT , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Andrejs MAMIKINS , <i>S&D</i> , Latvia Paavo VÄYRYNEN , <i>ALDE</i> , Finland Marek JUREK , <i>ECR</i> , Poland DROI MEPS Arne LIETZ , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Mark DEMESMAEKER , <i>ECR</i> , Belgium Petras AUSTREVICIUS , <i>ALDE</i> , Lithuania

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29 October - 2 November 2018	Canada	Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Italy Teresa JIMÉNEZ-BECERRIL BARRIO , <i>PPE</i> , Spain Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL , <i>PPE</i> , Germany Ádám KÓSA , <i>PPE</i> , Hungary David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Renate WEBER , <i>ALDE</i> , Romania Jordi SOLÉ , <i>Verts/ALE</i> , Spain
17-21 April 2017	Bolivia	Christian Dan PREDA (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Romania Joachim ZELLER , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Ana GOMES , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal Francisco ASSIS , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal Ignazio CORRAO , <i>EFDD</i> , Italy
8 - 12 February 2016	Mexico and Guatemala	Cristian Dan PREDA , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Hans-Olaf HENKEL , <i>ECR</i> , Germany Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHEA , <i>ALDE</i> , Spain

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12 - 16 February 2018	Iran	Cristian Dan PREDA (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Romania Lars ADAKTUSSON , <i>EPP</i> , Sweden Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Klaus BUCHNER , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Germany
28 - 31 October 2017	Saudi Arabia	Cristian DAN PREDA (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Romania Lars ADAKTUSSON , <i>EPP</i> , Sweden Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHEA , Spain
20-24 July 2015	Israel and Palestine	Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Godelie QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Therese COMODINI CACHIA , <i>EPP</i> , Malta Kati PIRI , <i>S&D</i> , Netherlands Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHA , <i>ALDE</i> , Spain

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND FORA

28 February - 1 March 2019	Rome, Italy	Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Italy Željana ZOVKO , <i>PPE</i> , Croatia Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Barbara LOCHBIHLER , <i>Verts/ALE</i> , Germany Baroness Nosheena MOBARIK , <i>ECR</i> , United Kingdom
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5 - 7 December 2018	World Forum on Migration, Marrakech, Morocco	<p><u>DEVE</u> Linda McAVAN, <i>S&D</i>, United Kingdom Željana ZOVKO, <i>EPP</i>, Croatia Judith SARGENTINI, <i>Greens/EFA</i>, The Netherlands <u>DROI</u> Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i>, Italy Elena VALENCIANO, <i>S&D</i>, Spain <u>LIBE</u> Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT, <i>EPP</i>, Sweden Laura FERRARA, <i>EFDD</i>, Italy Udo VOIGT, <i>NI</i>, Germany Cecilia KYENGE, <i>S&D</i>, Italy</p>
28 - 30 October 2018	UN GA, New York, USA	<p><u>AFET</u> David McALLISTER (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i>, Germany Arnaud DANJEAN, <i>EPP</i>, France Othmar KARAS, <i>EPP</i>, Austria Eugen FREUND, <i>S&D</i>, Austria Baroness Nosheena MOBARIK, <i>ECR</i>, United Kingdom Patricia LALONDE, <i>ALDE</i>, France <u>DROI</u> David MARTIN, <i>S&D</i>, United Kingdom Barbara LOCHBIHLER, <i>Greens/EFA</i>, Germany</p>
20 - 22 September 2018	European Inter-University Centre in Venice, Italy	<p>Barbara LOCHBILHER (Head of Delegation), <i>Greens/EFA</i>, Germany Željana ZOVKO, <i>EPP</i>, Croatia Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL, <i>EPP</i>, Germany Soraya POST, <i>S&D</i>, Sweden Wajid KHAN, <i>S&D</i>, United Kingdom</p>
5 - 6 March 2018	UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland	<p>Andrzej GRZYB, <i>EPP</i>, Poland Francis ZAMMIT DIMECH, <i>EPP</i>, Malta Francisco ASSIS, <i>S&D</i>, Portugal Wajid KHAN, <i>S&D</i>, United Kingdom Liliana RODRIGUES, <i>S&D</i>, Portugal Amjad BASHIR, <i>ECR</i>, UK Petras AUSTREVICIUS, <i>ALDE</i>, Lithuania</p>
30 October - 1 November 2017	UN GA, New York, USA	<p><u>AFET MEPs</u> David McALLISTER, <i>EPP</i>, Germany Elmar BROK, <i>EPP</i>, Germany Arnaud DANJEAN, <i>EPP</i>, France Jo LEINEN, <i>S&D</i>, Germany Eugen FREUND, <i>S&D</i>, Austria Eleni THEOCHAROUS, <i>ECR</i>, Cyprus Urmas PAET, <i>ALDE</i>, Estonia Barbara LOCHBIHLER, <i>Greens/EFA</i>, Germany <u>DROI MEPs</u> Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i>, Italy Andrey KOVATCHEV, <i>EPP</i>, Bulgaria Teresa JIMÉNEZ-BECERRIL BARRIO, <i>EPP</i>, Spain Soraya POST, <i>S&D</i>, Sweden Rikke KARLSSON, <i>ECR</i>, Denmark</p>

20 -21 March 2017	UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland	Pier Antonio PANZERI (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Italy Cristian PREDA , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Andrzej GRZYB , <i>EPP</i> , Poland Soroya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Petras AUSTREVICIUS , <i>ALDE</i> Amjad BASHIR , <i>ECR</i> , United Kingdom Barbara LOCHBIHLER , <i>GREENS/EFA</i> , Germany
31 October - 3 November 2016	UN GA, New York, USA	AFET MEPS Elmar BROK , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Arnaud DANJEAN , <i>EPP</i> , France Francisco MILLAN MON , <i>EPP</i> , Spain Cristian Dan PREDA , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Eugen FREUND , <i>S&D</i> , Austria David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Petras AUŠTREVICIUS , <i>ALDE</i> , Lithuania DROI MEPS Teresa JIMÉNEZ-BECERRIL BARRIO , <i>EPP</i> , Spain Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Josef WEIDENHOLZER , <i>S&D</i> , Austria
14 -15 March 2016	UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland	Elena VALENCIANO (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Spain Andrzej GRZYB , <i>EPP</i> , Poland Ramona MĂNESCU , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Soraya POST , <i>S&D</i> , Sweden Karol KARSKI , <i>ECR</i> , Poland Beatriz BECERRA , <i>ALDE</i> , Spain Judith SARGENTINI , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , The Netherlands
2 - 3 November 2015	UN GA, New York, USA	AFET MEPS Elmar BROK , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Andrej PLENKOVIĆ , <i>EPP</i> , Croatia Othmar KARAS , <i>EPP</i> , Austria Jo LEINEN , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Eugen FREUND , <i>S&D</i> , Austria Amjad BASHIR , <i>ECR</i> , United Kingdom Marietje SCHAAKE , <i>ALDE</i> , Netherlands DROI MEPS Elena VALENCIANO (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Spain Andrey KOVATCHEV , <i>EPP</i> , Bulgaria Godelieve QUISHOUDT ROWOHL , <i>EPP</i> , Germany David MARTIN , <i>S&D</i> , United Kingdom Petras AUSTREVICIUS , <i>ALDE</i> , Lithuania
18 -19 March 2015	UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland	Elena VALENCIANO (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Spain Andrzej GRZYB , <i>EPP</i> , Poland
27 - 30 November 2014	The second World Forum on Human Rights, National Council for Human Rights of Morocco, Marrakesh, Morocco	Elena VALENCIANO (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Spain

Annex VI

The European Parliament's Human Rights Week 2018

In November 2018, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Parliament hosted its first ever Human Rights Week.

During 19 - 22 November many of the European Parliament's delegations and committees held hearings, exchanges of views and meetings on human rights related topics, such as the role of governments, institutions and civil society in strengthening respect for fundamental rights, including children's rights, in the EU.

The United Nations together with Amnesty International, the World Congress Against the Death Penalty, the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights, ProtectDefenders, and the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions participated in the Human Rights Week with interactive stands. The European Parliament hosted an exhibition by French artist Yacine Aït-Kaci (YAK) with 30 illustrations of the UN's Digital Ambassador Elyx - one for each article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Concerts and debates were also organised.

High-level conference to celebrate the UDHR

On the 20 November, the European Parliament held a high-level conference to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The high-level conference was opened by European Parliament President Antonio Tajani, EU Vice President / High Representative Federica Mogherini, and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michele Bachelet. Two topics were discussed during the conference: the universality and indivisibility of human rights in today's global and digital world and the synergies in strengthening the global human rights architecture and mechanisms.



MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NOVEMBER 2018.

Inter-parliamentary committee meeting

On the 20 November, the Members of the Subcommittee on Human Rights met with members of national parliaments of the EU member states, to discuss three main topics: mainstreaming human rights into external action, business and human rights, and sustainable development and human rights.



CHINESE ARTIST AI WEIWEI GAVE THE KEY NOTE SPEECH DURING THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2018 AND ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

The European Parliament's annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought was established in 1988. It is awarded to individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the fight for human rights across the globe. The Sakharov Prize is a way for the European Parliament to draw attention to human rights violations and to support the laureates and their cause.

In the 30 years of the existence of the Sakharov Prize, five laureates were later awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize, including Dr. Mukwege and Nadia Murad in 2018.

Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought laureates, 8th parliamentary term

2018

Oleg Sentsov

2017

The democratic opposition in Venezuela

2016

Nadia Murad Basee Taha and Lamya Haji Bashar

2015

Raif Badawi

2014

Dr Denis Mukwege



UKRAINIAN FILM DIRECTOR OLEG SENTSOV, WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR "PLOTING TERRORIST ACTS" AGAINST THE RUSSIAN "DE FACTO RULE" IN CRIMEA, COULD NOT TRAVEL TO STRASBOURG. HIS COUSIN NATALIA KAPLAN RECEIVED THE PRIZE ON HIS BEHALF.



DR DENIS MUKWEGE, WHO FOUNDED THE PANZI HOSPITAL IN BUKAVU IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO IN 1998, RECEIVED THE PRIZE FOR HELPING THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF BRUTAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE.



YAZIDI SURVIVORS AND PUBLIC ADVOCATES NADIA MURAD AND LAMIYA HAJI BASHAR FROM THE VILLAGE OF KOCHO IN IRAQ, RECEIVED THE PRIZE AT AN AWARD CEREMONY IN STRASBOURG ON 13 DECEMBER 2016.



RAIF BADAWI, WHO HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON AND 1,000 LASHES FOR BREACHING SAUDI ARABIA'S TECHNOLOGY LAWS AND INSULTING ISLAM, COULD NOT TRAVEL TO STRASBOURG. HIS WIFE, ENSAF HAIDAR, RECEIVED THE PRIZE ON HIS BEHALF.



JULIO BORGES, THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA'S OPPOSITION MAJORITY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, RECEIVED THE PRIZE TOGETHER WITH ANTONIO LEDEZMA, MAYOR OF CARACAS, AND LEOPOLDO LÓPEZ, DANIEL CEBALLOS, YON GOICOECHEA, LORENT SALEH, ALFREDO RAMOS AND ANDREA GONZÁLEZ, ON BEHALF OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN VENEZUELA AND THE COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION.

The Sakharov Prize Network

In 2008, when the Sakharov Prize celebrated its 20th anniversary, the Sakharov Prize Network was launched as an extension of the Sakharov Prize. The network includes Sakharov Prize laureates and Members of the European Parliament.

The Sakharov Prize Network connects MEPs and Sakharov Prize laureates with civil society. Its members regularly give Sakharov lectures around the EU to raise awareness of human rights issues and spark public debate in the European capitals. The Sakharov Prize Network has also established a programme for human rights defenders across the world: the Sakharov Fellowship.

On 4 and 5 June 2018, the Sakharov Prize Network gathered in Brussels together with human rights defenders who had been selected under the Sakharov Fellowship, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought and to take stock of past achievements and identify challenges ahead.



IN JUNE 2018, THE SAKHAROV PRIZE NETWORK AND EP PRESIDENT ANTONIO TAJANI GATHERED SAKHAROV PRIZE LAUREATES IN BRUSSELS TO CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAKHAROV PRIZE.

Annex VII

Urgency resolutions 2014 - 2019

Adopted in plenary	Topic
AFRICA	
April 2019	Cameroon
February 2019	Zimbabwe
January 2019	Sudan
December 2018	Egypt, notably the situation of human rights defenders
December 2018	Tanzania
October 2018	Mercy killings in Uganda
September 2018	Uganda, arrest of parliamentarians from the opposition
July 2018	Somalia
July 2018	Burundi
May 2018	Sudan, notably the case of Noura Hussein Hammad
March 2018	The arrest of human rights defenders in Sudan, notably the case of Sakharov Prize Laureate Salih Mahmoud Osman
February 2018	Russia, the case of Oyub Titiev and the Human Rights Centre Memorial
February 2018	Executions in Egypt
January 2018	Nigeria
January 2018	Democratic Republic of the Congo
November 2017	Freedom of expression in Sudan, notably the case of Mohamed Zine El Abidine
November 2017	Terrorist attacks in Somalia
November 2017	Madagascar
October 2017	Situation of people with albinism in Malawi and other African countries
September 2017	Gabon, repression of the opposition
July 2017	Eritrea, notably the cases of Abune Antonios and Dawit Isaac
July 2017	Burundi
May 2017	Zambia, particularly the case of Hakainde Hichilema
May 2017	Ethiopia, notably the case of Dr Merera Gudina

May 2017	South Sudan
March 2017	Zimbabwe, case of Pastor Evan Mawarire
January 2017	Central African Republic
January 2017	Burundi
October 2016	Rwanda
October 2016	Sudan
September 2016	Somalia
September 2016	Zimbabwe
July 2016	Situation of Albinos in Africa, notably in Malawi
May 2016	Gambia
May 2016	Djibouti
April 2016	Nigeria
March 2016	Egypt, notably the case of Giulio Regeni
March 2016	Democratic Republic of the Congo
January 2016	Ethiopia
December 2015	Ibrahim Halawa, potentially facing the death penalty
November 2015	Central African Republic
October 2015	Nigeria: 500 000 children on the run from Boko Haram
September 2015	Angola
July 2015	The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), in particular the case of two detained human rights activists Yves Makwambala and Fred Bauma
July 2015	Situation of the two Christian pastors in Sudan
May 2015	Zimbabwe, the case of human rights defender Itai Dzamara
May 2015	Swaziland, the case of human rights activists Thulani Maseko and Bheki Makhubu
April 2015	Imprisonment of human and workers' rights activists in Algeria
March 2015	South Sudan, including recent child abductions
March 2015	Tanzania, notably the issue of land grabbing
February 2015	Burundi, the case of Bob Rugurika
December 2014	Mauritania, in particular the case of Biram Dah Abeid
December 2014	Sudan: the case of Dr Amin Mekki Medani
September 2014	Burundi, in particular the case of Pierre Claver Mbonimpa
July 2014	Sudan, the case of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim
July 2014	Freedom of expression and assembly in Egypt
July 2014	Nigeria, recent attacks from Boko Haram

ASIA	
March 2019	Human rights situation in Kazakhstan
November 2018	Vietnam, notably the situation of political prisoners
November 2018	Bangladesh
October 2018	Mass arbitrary detention of Uyghurs and Kazakhs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
September 2018	Myanmar, notably the case of journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo
September 2018	Cambodia, notably the case of Kem Sokha
June 2018	The situation of the Rohingyas refugees, in particular the plight of children
April 2018	Philippines
March 2018	Situation in the Maldives
January 2018	The cases of human rights activists Wu Gan, Xie Yang, Lee Ming-cheh, Tashi Wangchuk and the Tibetan monk Choekyi
December 2017	Freedom of expression in Vietnam, notably the case of Nguyen Van Hoa
December 2017	Cambodia: the banning of the opposition
October 2017	The situation in the Maldives
September 2017	Cambodia, notably the case of Kem Sokha
September 2017	Laos, notably the cases of Somphone Phimmason, Lod Thammavong and Soukane Chaithad
September 2017	Myanmar, in particular the situation of Rohingyas
July 2017	The cases of Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo and Lee Ming-che
June 2017	Pakistan, notably the situation of human rights defenders and the death penalty
June 2017	The human rights situation in Indonesia
April 2017	Bangladesh, including child marriages
March 2017	Philippines, the case of senator Leila M. De Lima
January 2017	Indonesia, notably the cases of Hosea Yeimo, Ismael Alua and the Governor of Jakarta
December 2016	The cases of the Larung Gar Tibetan Buddhist Academy and of Ilham Tohti
December 2016	The situation of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar
November 2016	The case of Gui Minhai, jailed publisher in China
October 2016	Thailand, notably the case of Andy Hall
September 2016	Philippines
July 2016	Myanmar, notably the situation of Rohingyas
June 2016	Cambodia
June 2016	Tajikistan, situation of prisoners of conscience

June 2016	Vietnam
April 2016	Pakistan, in particular the attack in Lahore
March 2016	Freedom of Expression in Kazakhstan
February 2016	The case of the missing book publishers in Hong Kong
January 2016	EU citizens under detention in India, notably Italian, Estonian and UK citizens
January 2016	North Korea
December 2015	Situation in the Maldives
December 2015	Malaysia
November 2015	Afghanistan, in particular the killings in the province of Zabul
November 2015	Cambodia
November 2015	Freedom of expression in Bangladesh
November 2015	Situation in Thailand
July 2015	Cambodia's draft laws on NGOs and trade unions
June 2015	Situation in Nepal after the earthquakes
May 2015	The plight of Rohingya refugees and the mass graves in Thailand
January 2015	Pakistan, in particular the situation following the Peshawar school attack
November 2014	Pakistan: blasphemy laws
September 2014	Human rights violations in Bangladesh
EUROPE AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES	
February 2019	The situation in Chechnya, and the case of Oyub Titiev
January 2019	Azerbaijan, notably the case of Mehman Huseynov
October 2018	Deterioration of media freedom in Belarus, notably the case of Charter 97
July 2018	The political crisis in Moldova following the invalidation of the mayoral elections in Chişinău
June 2018	Russia, notably the case of Ukrainian political prisoner Oleg Sentsov
April 2018	Belarus
February 2018	Russia, the case of Oyub Titiev and the Human Rights Center Memorial
October 2017	The cases of Crimean Tatar leaders Akhtem Chiygoz and Ilmi Umerov and journalist Mykola Semena
June 2017	The Case of Afgan Mukhtarli and situation of media in Azerbaijan
April 2017	Russia, the arrest of Alexei Navalny and other protestors
April 2017	Belarus
March 2017	Ukrainian political prisoners in Russia and situation in Crimea
November 2016	The case of Ildar Dadin, prisoner of conscience in Russia

May 2016	Crimean Tartars
February 2016	Human Rights situation in Crimea, in particular of the Crimean Tatars
September 2015	Azerbaijan
September 2015	Russia, in particular the cases of Eston Kohver, Oleg Sentsov and Olexandr Kolchenko
April 2015	The case of Nadiya Savchenka
February 2015	Mass graves of the missing persons of Ashia in Ornithi village in the occupied part of Cyprus
January 2015	Russia, in particular the case of Alexei Navalny
January 2015	Kyrgyzstan: homosexual propaganda bill
November 2014	Serbia: the case of alleged war criminal Šešelj
October 2014	Closing down of Memorial (Sakharov Prize 2009) in Russia
October 2014	Uzbekistan
September 2014	Azerbaijan, the persecution of human rights defenders
THE AMERICAS	
March 2019	Situation of human rights in Guatemala
November 2018	The human rights situation in Cuba
February 2018	Child slavery in Haiti
December 2017	El Salvador: the cases of women prosecuted for miscarriage
February 2017	The situation of human rights and democracy in Nicaragua, the case of Francesca Ramirez
February 2017	Guatemala, the situation of human rights defenders
November 2016	Situation of the Guarani-Kaiowa' in the Brazilian State of Mato Grosso Do Sul
April 2016	Honduras: the situation of human rights defenders
June 2015	Paraguay: the legal aspects related to the child pregnancy
December 2014	Persecution of the democratic opposition in Venezuela
October 2014	The disappearance of 43 teaching students in Mexico
THE MIDDLE EAST	
February 2019	Women's rights defenders in Saudi Arabia
December 2018	Iran, notably the case of Nasrin Sotoudeh
October 2018	The UAE, notably the situation of human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor
October 2018	The killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul
June 2018	The human rights situation in Bahrain, notably the case of Nabeel Rajab
May 2018	Situation of imprisoned EU-Iranian dual nationals in Iran
May 2018	Saudi Arabia, notably the situation of women's rights defenders
April 2018	The situation in Gaza

February 2017	Executions in Kuwait and Bahrain
December 2016	Mass graves in Iraq
July 2016	Bahrain
February 2016	Bahrain : the case of Mohammed Ramadan
July 2015	Bahrain, in particular the case of Nabeel Rajab
June 2015	Syria: situation in Palmyra and the case of Mazen Darwish
April 2015	The situation of the Yarmouk refugee camp in Syria
March 2015	Recent attacks and abductions by ISIS/Da'esh in the Middle East, notably of Assyrians
February 2015	Saudi Arabia, the case of Raif Badawi
November 2014	Iraq: Kidnapping and mistreatment of women



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