



DRAFT AGENDA

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

**“The first Annual Rule of Law Report by
the Commission and the role of national
Parliaments”**

Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 14.15 to 15.45 and 16.45 to 18.40

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: ANTALL 4Q2

and via visioconference

Order of business

14:15 - 14:20 Introductory remarks by **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament

<p>Session I - Exchange of views on the Commission annual Rule of Law report and future steps towards a Mechanism on Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights</p>

14:20 - 14:30 **Opening speech**
David Maria SASSOLI, President, European Parliament

14:30 - 15:00 **Interventions by**
TBC Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc)
Didier REYNDEERS, Commissioner for Justice (tbc)
Michal ŠIMEČKA, Rapporteur on the report on the Mechanism on Democracy, Rule of law and Fundamental Rights
Members of National Parliaments (tbc)

15:00 - 15:45 **Question and Answer Session**

Break for the interpreters

16:45 - 17:00 **Interventions by**
Prof. Laurent PECH, Middlesex University
Stephen GREY, Reuters/The Daphne Project (tbc)
European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)(tbc)

17:00 - 17:30 **Question and Answer Session**

Session II - Exchange on the COVID-19 pandemic impact on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights

- 17:30 - 17:35** Introduction by **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament
- 17:35 - 18.05** **Interventions by**
Michael O’Flaherty, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
Gianni BUQUICCHIO, President, Venice Commission, Council of Europe: presentation of the Interim Report on the measures taken in the EU Member States as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and their impact on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights
Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (tbc)
Alexis DESWAEF, Vice-President of the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH)
Members of National Parliaments (tbc)
- 18.05 - 18.35** **Question and Answer Session**
- 18.35 - 18.40** Closing remarks by **Juan Fernandez LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, LIBE Chair