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As the first session of the Egyptian parliament took place on the 23 January and the elections to the Shura Council are underway, MEPs will analyze the outcome of the parliamentary elections in Egypt and its implications.

Participants will discuss how human rights will be translated into the constitutional process and how political parties will deliver human rights reform during the transition period. Among the pressing issues are: ending the state of emergency, combating torture, upholding freedom of expression, ensuring fair trials and investigating abuses committed under the rule of Hosni Mubarak, discrimination of minorities and last but not least women's rights.

The tragic event during the football riots in Port Said as well as the freedom of association in view of the recent crackdown conducted by the Egyptian authorities on several foreign NGOs like IRI, NDI and Konrad Adenauer foundation, will also be discussed.

Speakers:

- **Barbara Lochbihler**, DROI chair
 - **Ahmed Samih**, Director, Andalus Institute for Tolerance and anti Violence Studies, Cairo
 - **Anthony Dworkin**, Senior policy fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)
 - **Dr. Stefan Gehrold**, Director, European Office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- EEAS response

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