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# Opening of 9-10 November plenary session in Brussels

President Metsola recalled the anniversary of Kristallnacht and the fall of the Berlin Wall and called for further sanctions against Iran, at the opening of the session.



President Metsola opened the 9-10 November plenary session in Brussels © European Union 2022

Kristallnacht took place 84 years ago today but despite decades of effort, not enough has been done to end the scapegoating and discrimination, said President Metsola. She reiterated Parliament's commitment to fight hate, teach tolerance and respect, combat anti-Semitism and to always remember. The anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989 reminds us of the importance of fighting for freedom, unity and democracy, she said.

The situation in Iran has deteriorated even further, said the President, with calls for imprisoned women to be sentenced to death. President Metsola has urged High Representative Borrell to take a firm stance; an international investigation is needed to keep the oppressive regime accountable for its ongoing human rights violations. It is now time to impose further targeted sanctions, she concluded.

#### **Incoming MEPs**

Achille Variati (S&D, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Eleni Stavrou (EPP, Cyprus) as of 2 November 2022

Denis Nesci (ECR, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Alessandra Mussolini (EPP, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Paola Ghidoni (ID, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Matteo Gazzini (ID, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Elisabetta De Blasis (ID, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Maria Angela Danzì (NI, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

Lara Comi (EPP, Italy) as of 2 November 2022

#### Changes to the agenda

Wednesday

A Commission statement on the "Outcome of the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty" is added as the second point in the afternoon. The statement will be followed by a round of political groups' speakers. The debate will be wound up with a resolution, to be voted on during 21-24 November plenary session.

A Commission statement on the "EU response to the increasing crackdown on protests in Iran" is added as the third point in the afternoon. This statement will be followed by a round of political groups' speakers.

A Commission statement on the "Communication on ensuring availability and affordability of fertilisers" is added as the fifth point in the afternoon after the debate on the report on REPowerEU chapters in recovery and resilience plans.

The sitting is extended until 23:00.

Thursday



The following reports on:

- the Appointment of the Chair of the Single Resolution Board, and
- the Appointment of a member of the Single Resolution Board

are added directly to the votes.

Information concerning the distribution of votes is available under the section "Priority information".

#### Requests by committees to start negotiations with Council and Commission

Decisions by committees to enter into inter-institutional negotiations (Rule 71) are published on the plenary website.

If no request for a vote in Parliament on the decision to enter into negotiations is made by Thursday 12.00 midnight, the committees may start negotiations.

#### **Further information**

Video recording of the opening (click on 9.11.2022) EbS+ (11.9.2022) Final draft agenda Briefing Newsletter Live broadcast of the plenary session

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