

Opening of 29-30 March plenary session

President Metsola spoke out against the new so-called anti-homosexuality bill in Uganda, at the opening of the session in Brussels.

Referring to the new bill passed by the Ugandan parliament last week, which could mean life sentences for people who identify as LGBTI, President Metsola said it was deeply concerning, as it targets entire communities and serves to scapegoat LGBTI persons. “This parliament has repeatedly reaffirmed that people should be allowed to live how they wish to live, be who they wish to be, and love as they wish to love. We reiterate that now”, she added.

Changes to the agenda

Wednesday

A Commission statement on The rights of children in Rainbow Families and same sex parents in particular in Italy (no resolution) is added as the last point in the afternoon. As a consequence, the sitting is extended to 21:00.

Thursday

A joint debate on Commission statements on Rule of Law in Greece, on Rule of Law in Spain and on Rule of Law in Malta is added to the Commission statement on 2022 Rule of Law Report - The Rule of Law situation in the European Union. The three statements will be wound up with a resolution to be voted on in April.

The report by Mr Lagodinsky on the Request for the waiver of the immunity of Anna Júlia Donáth is added to the votes.

The report by Mr Kuhs on the nomination of the Slovak nominee for a member of the Court of Auditors is withdrawn.

Information concerning the distribution of votes is available under the section “[Priority information](#)”.

Request by several 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

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