The Week Ahead 28 October – 03 November 2019

Delegations

No parliamentary meetings are foreseen in Brussels, as the week is set aside for committee delegations/missions in relation to topics falling under their responsibility, in particular in the field of foreign affairs.

**International relations/USA.** The Foreign Affairs Committee, together with the subcommittees on security and defence and human rights, will send a delegation to New York for the 74th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to discuss new priorities and possible ways to further uphold multilateralism in the current political and security context. The delegation is then travelling to Washington to discuss foreign policy, human rights, security and defence with representatives from the US administration and Congress (**Monday to Thursday**).

**Development/Ethiopia.** A Development Committee delegation will travel to Addis Ababa to meet representatives from Ethiopia’s parliament, the African Union and other bodies as well as NGOs working in the field. The mission, which also includes a meeting with the Somali Region’s President, aims to take stock of recent political, social and economic developments in the country, which followed a series of reforms recently enacted (**Tuesday to Thursday**).

**International trade/Vietnam.** A delegation from the International Trade Committee will be in Hanoi to check on the state of play of reforms required by the EU. These reforms must be implemented before the trade deal, currently under negotiation with Vietnam, can be agreed. Parliament’s consent is needed for any free trade deal to come into force (**Monday to Thursday**).

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