The Week Ahead 07 – 13 December 2020

Committee and political group meetings

**European Council.** EP President David Sassoli will address heads of state or government at the EU summit to set out Parliament’s position on the EU’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change and Turkey, among the topics to be discussed with EU leaders. The President will then hold a press conference at 14:30 (Thursday).

**COVID-19/Vaccine.** MEPs from the Environment, Public Health and Food Security Committee will discuss the state of play on assessing and authorising vaccines against COVID-19 with the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), Emer Cooke (Thursday).

**E-privacy/child abuse.** The Civil Liberties Committee will vote to amend the current EU e-privacy rules in order to allow voice over IP, messaging and web-based e-mail services to continue detecting content and traffic data in relation to child sexual abuse (Monday).

**Artificial Intelligence: military and civil use.** The Legal Affairs Committee will vote on guidelines for military use of AI (including lethal autonomous weapons systems), non-military use in health and justice areas as well as AI threats to democracy and rule of law (Monday).

**Legislative negotiations.** MEPs from several committees will continue negotiating with the EU Council Presidency on a number of legislative files, including MFF-related programmes. The Just Transition Fund, Asylum and Migration Fund, the Instrument for financial support for border management and visa, Recovery and Resilience Facility, Erasmus+ and LIFE+ are among the files that look close to a deal.

**Plenary preparations.** Political groups will follow the December European Council meeting focusing on the UK, Turkey and on the EU long-term budget closely, and prepare for the plenary debate with Council and Commission presidents. Furthermore, they will discuss votes on support for immediate recovery for COVID-19-stricken regions (ReactEU), on drinking water quality and on a new strategy for European SMEs as well as vocational education and training. MEPs will also prepare debates on the latest developments on the Eastern partnership, the trade-related impact of third-country sanctions, and on the European Citizens’ Initiative calling for a Minority SafePack to improve the protection of people belonging to national and linguistic minorities.
**Webinar/Digital Services Act.** Key MEPs will participate in a webinar for journalists, organised by the EP Media Directorate, on “Digital Services Act: The European Parliament’s priorities” on Tuesday 10.30 -11.30. The Commission is set to present the proposal on 15 December.

**President’s diary.** EP President David Sassoli will meet with Spain’s Foreign Minister Arancha González Laya, and have a remote meeting with UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore, on Tuesday.

**EP press service contact**
Tuesday 08 December 2020

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Tuesday, 8 December

13:30 Meeting with the Spanish Foreign Minister, Ms Arancha González Laya, FOTO & EBS, grand salon protocole

16:30 Visio Meeting with the Unicef Executive Director, Ms Henrietta Fore FOTO

SPECIAL EVENTS

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10.30 -11.30

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THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Thursday, 10 December
10:00 Conference of Presidents

13:00 European Council Speech

14:30 Press conference

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:30-15:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, on “the European Council”

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

13:45-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Debates

• Exchange of views with Emer COOKE, Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) on the state of play with the assessment and authorisation of vaccines against COVID-19

• Exchange of views with Inger ANDERSEN, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), including on the UNEP Emissions Gap Report

• Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3), and (4)(c) on the draft Commission regulation amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for aclonifen, boscalid, cow milk, etofenprox, ferric pyrophosphate, L-cysteine, lambdacypthalothrin, maleic hydrazide, meptrifluconazole, sodium 5-nitroguaiacolate, sodium o-nitrophenolate, sodium p-nitrophenolate and triclopyr in or on certain products - Rapporteur: Joëlle MÉLIN (ID, FR)

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Voting

- The effects of climate change on human rights and the role of environmental defenders on this matter - Adoption of amendments - Rapporteur for the opinion: Simona BALDASSARRE (ID, IT)

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Friday 11 December 2020

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Presentation by Commissioner Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS of the Commission proposal on sustainability requirement for batteries in the EU
- Update from the UK Task Force on the future relationship with the UK (tbc)

Votes

- The effects of climate change on human rights and the role of environmental defenders on this matter - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Simona BALDASSARRE (ID, IT)
- Approving amendments to the Agreement for co-operation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances (Bonn Agreement) with regard to the extension of its material and geographical scope of application - Adoption of draft recommendation (consent) - Rapporteur: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR)