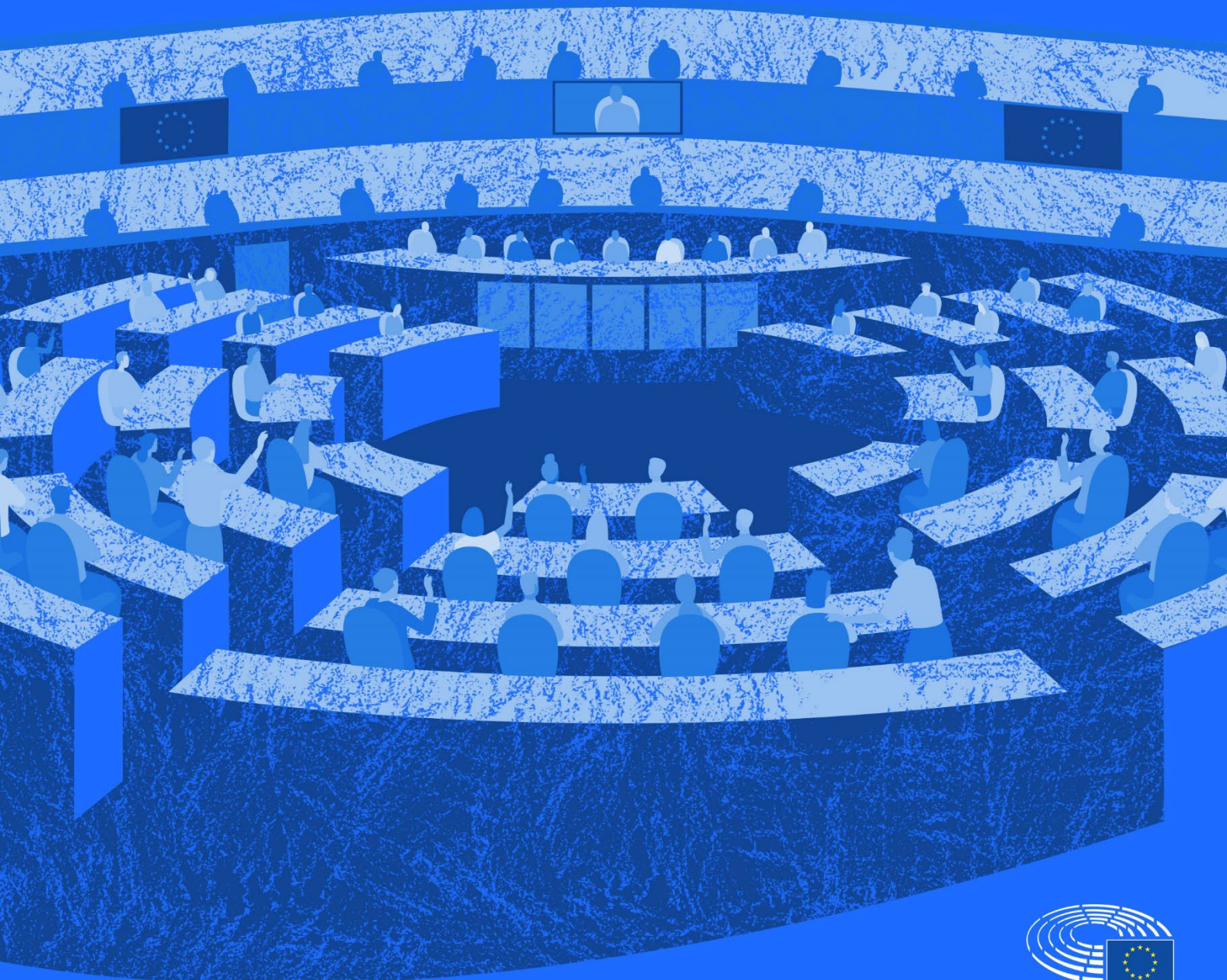


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The Subcommittee's role and means of action

Throughout the 2019–2024 legislative term, the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI), in line with its mandate as set out under Parliament's Rules of Procedure, acted to ensure alignment between the EU's external policies and its human rights policy. Tasks carried out by DROI include:

- Monitoring respect for human rights in EU external policies;
- Scrutinising the implementation of EU human rights policy, its impact and its contribution to promoting respect for human rights, the rule of law and democracy in partner countries;
- Fostering parliamentary diplomacy with a broad range of interlocutors, such as UN counterparts, representatives of regional human rights organisations, national human rights institutions, and international, regional and local civil society organisations;
- Mainstreaming a more consistent human rights agenda, e.g. across parliamentary committees and delegations.

1 - Monitoring respect for human rights in EU external policies

DROI has taken a number of initiatives, including through exchanges of views, public hearings, studies, reports and specific events, to assess, strengthen and ultimately expand the EU's human rights toolbox for the promotion and protection of human rights and democracy around the world. DROI places special emphasis on building connections between EU institutions and international and regional human rights stakeholders to discuss and introduce new frameworks or ad hoc mechanisms for places where legal gaps remain in order to tackle war crimes, transitional justice and accountability. It has shed light on the critical consequences that global crises (the pandemic, wars, etc.) have had on human rights and has recommended related priority actions to be taken as part of the EU's foreign policy.

- After advocating and making proposals to strengthen EU instruments aimed at sanctioning individuals and entities responsible for human rights abuses, DROI strongly supported the establishment of the [EU Global Human Rights Sanctions](#)

[Regime](#) (EU Magnitsky Act) in December 2020. In a [recommendation](#) to the Council and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR), DROI further requested that the scope of the current EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime be expanded to include acts of corruption or that, alternatively, the Council and the VP/HR come forward with a legislative proposal to adopt a new thematic sanctions regime for serious acts of corruption. The recommendation underlined the need to further integrate a human rights-based anti-corruption approach into EU external action instruments, including the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI), the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance and EU trust funds. Members proposed that the European Parliament should be able to address cases of serious human rights violations, and recommended the introduction of qualified majority voting for the adoption of sanctions, while insisting on a swift and coordinated EU response to retaliatory sanctions by non-EU countries.

- In the aftermath of the presidential elections in Belarus and the crackdown on members of civil society and protesters, DROI was active in launching the **European Parliament Platform for the fight against impunity in Belarus** (26 March 2021), in collaboration with international and regional experts from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), as well as UN special rapporteurs and key figures from the Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) working on documenting human rights violations. Several meetings of the Platform took place with a focus on the situation of the media and journalists (12 July 2021) and on justice and accountability (30 November 2021).
- A few weeks after the start of Russia's aggression against Ukraine in February 2022, DROI took action aimed at ensuring full accountability for international crimes committed in Ukraine, including child and civilian abductions and other war crimes and crimes against humanity. In the absence of International Criminal Court (ICC) jurisdiction over the crime of aggression perpetrated on the territory of Ukraine, DROI explored different avenues to ensure **accountability for the crime of aggression** against Ukraine. Members discussed the jurisdiction of the crime of aggression with international lawyers, experts, academics and UN diplomats. They assessed the existing international mechanisms for prosecuting the crime of aggression (12 July 2022) and the feasibility of establishing a dedicated international criminal tribunal to ensure that senior Russian officials, including at the highest level, would be brought to justice and held accountable (28 March 2022). These initial discussions were further developed with the presentation of the in-depth analysis entitled 'International Tribunal for Russia's Crime of Aggression against Ukraine - a Legal Assessment' (28 November 2022). The outcome of DROI's work was then reflected in the

[European Parliament resolution](#) calling for the establishment of a tribunal on the crime of aggression against Ukraine (19 January 2023). DROI members followed up on the establishment of such jurisdiction during their visit to Ukraine on 22–23 October 2023 and they continued discussions with international lawyers and experts that touched on lifting immunity for high-level officials and the possibility of proceeding *in absentia* (14 February 2024).

- DROI closely followed the situation of Russian citizens who refused to fight or get involved in Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, paving the way for a [resolution](#), adopted on 16 February 2023, in which Parliament demanded that the EU Member States protect and grant **asylum** to Russians and Belarusians being persecuted for speaking out or protesting against the war, as well as to Russian and Belarusian conscientious objectors and deserters.
- In the same vein, DROI placed special attention on how to safeguard those protecting fundamental freedoms in their countries, such as human rights defenders (HRDs). Parliament’s [resolution](#) on the EU Guidelines on HRDs specifically emphasised that visas and shelter were key protection tools. DROI followed-up on the resolution by commissioning a [study](#) that was published in January 2024 entitled ‘Enhancing the protection of human rights defenders (HRDs): Facilitating access to the EU and supporting HRDs from third countries’. DROI hosted discussion on this study during a committee meeting in which the Commission and the EEAS had the opportunity to inform Members about the ongoing preparation for the revision of the **Visa Code Handbook**.
- The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affected certain communities and vulnerable groups, including migrants, children and minorities. An increase in hate speech, racism and ethno-nationalism was observed and the crisis provided a pretext for authoritarian regimes to adopt repressive measures for purposes unrelated to the pandemic. In their attempts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, many governments around the world imposed limitations on freedom of movement and other related freedoms within their territories, thereby severely curtailing certain fundamental rights. Some regimes abused the situation in order to consolidate authoritarian rule or disproportionately restrict the regular functioning of the rule of law and institutions. DROI addressed the impacts that management of the pandemic had on human rights. On several occasions, Members were briefed by experts from UN agencies (e.g. UNICEF, the Human Rights Council, OHCHR and the World Health Organization), representatives of the European Court of Human Rights and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) on the risk that large-scale temporary coercion measures valid for the duration of the lockdowns could be made permanent in some democracies. DROI members discussed the sanitary conditions in prisons and detention centres (11 May 2020) and [supported](#) the recommendations issued by the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights. Members also debated censorship

related to combating fake news and the use of digital surveillance tools meant not only to monitor infection risks, but also to watch citizens' political behaviour (7 July 2020). In addition, school closures severely affected children's rights to education, good nutrition (daily meals), healthcare (primary vaccinations) and mental health and well-being. Dropping out of school exposed children to violence, criminal networks, exploitation and forced labour. As part of its political priorities for the ninth legislative term, DROI prepared an own-initiative report to address the pandemic's multiple impacts on [children's education](#) as a foreign policy issue. Members requested that the Commission, the Council and the EEAS establish an EU strategy to mitigate the adverse effects of the pandemic on the rights of the child. This request was also a follow-up to the [High-Level Conference](#) organised at the initiative of DROI, jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, in November 2019 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- **Persecution and discrimination against minorities** on the grounds of belief or religion have been on the rise for the past decade. DROI members expressed concerns about the high levels of coercion, discrimination, harassment, violence and repression suffered by people belonging to religious or belief minorities. This global phenomenon affects many religious communities, including Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Jews, as well as groups of people who are atheists, humanists, agnostics or who do not identify with any belief or religion. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated this trend (through smear campaigns, online hate speech, limited access to food and medical aid, digital tools for mass surveillance, etc.). DROI addressed the situation and prepared an [own-initiative report](#) that put forward a number of recommendations on mobilising EU foreign policy tools, including applying sanctions against persons and entities, making full use of human rights dialogues with partner countries, ensuring adequate funding for issues related to the protection of persons belonging to religious minorities or beliefs under the NDICI's thematic programme on human rights, and strengthening the EU's multilateral commitment on promoting respect for religious and belief minorities.
- In 2020, DROI started organising official side events to the annual **Brussels conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region**. The conference constitutes the main global gathering and fundraising event related to the conflict in Syria and its humanitarian and political impacts. The main purpose of DROI's side events to the conference was to address the human rights situation in Syria, with a view to setting out a road map for accountability, justice and long-term solutions. While acknowledging the complexity of the matter, the various discussions held aimed to come up with recommendations for way to uphold the EU's commitment to consistently include human rights protection in its external actions. Specifically, DROI focused its work on the children in the Al Howl camp (26 June 2020), on fighting impunity to protect victims whose human

rights were violated (23 March 2021) and on missing persons (23 May 2023). DROI's work on Syria also touched on culture and the arts. On 16 March 2022, an exchange of view was organised on the fight against impunity in Syria, 11 years after the uprising. The event included a screening of an extract of the film *Little Palestine*, in the presence of the director Abdallah Al Khatib and producer Mohammad Ali Atassi.

- In February 2022, a series of events was organised for **Afghan Women Days** to pay tribute to the group of prominent Afghan women nominated as Sakharov Prize finalists in 2021. In an effort to keep Afghan women's situation as a high priority on the EU and international agendas, the events (conference, media talks, youth seminars, artistic performances and exhibitions) focused on the dire situation of women and girls in Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover in September 2021 and their loss of rights and status within Afghan society. The Afghan Women Days tackled different aspects, including the ongoing humanitarian crisis, the Taliban's repressive rule against women and girls and the severe violations of their fundamental rights. Discussions also covered the challenges of rebuilding a new life in exile for those who managed to leave Afghanistan. Presentations from the Afghan University in Exile and representatives from the project for Afghan students run by the Global Campus of Human Rights displayed innovative opportunities for Afghan women to maintain hope and pursue their educations.
- In April 2023, against the backdrop of ongoing oppression in Tehran, the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) and DROI organised **European Parliament Solidarity Days for the people of Iran**, which allowed a broad spectrum of Iranian civil society representatives to make their voices heard and to reflect jointly on the future of their country. The meeting was organised in camera to allow for an open exchange and focused on challenges and prospects for Iran's democratic movement. One of the main ideas put forward was for the EU to massively support access to the internet in Iran, including through new virtual private network (VPN) technology that Iranian civil society could use.
- In March 2023, DROI and DEG organised an artistic performance and fashion show, marking the start of Parliament's work on banning products made by forced labour. The show led the audience on an imaginary journey starting with forced labour workers' traumatic experiences and ending with the glittering world of fashion, which stands on a foundation built with forced labour products. Imagination turned into reality with the presence of a forced labour survivor from Nepal and a Uyghur survivor of a concentration camp in China, who shared their testimonies with the public. In the presence of members from various committees (Committees on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, on Trade, on Transportation and on Development, as well as DROI), they also made

progress on preparing the new legislative ban on forced labour that was then agreed on in April 2024.

- DROI and the Global Campus of Human Rights decided to join efforts to address human rights challenges and shape future approaches that could enable the EU to strengthen its human rights-related external action, in close cooperation with international human rights organisations and like-minded partners. Against this background, the [Annual Venice Conference on the Global State of Human Rights](#) was launched in July 2021 and a second edition was organised the following year. These events gathered representatives from international organisations, national human rights bodies and civil society organisations, as well as HRDs, young people, academics from the Global Campus network and high-level officials from the EU institutions. The conferences offered an opportunity to highlight human rights priorities, such as due diligence, global accountability and children's rights, as well as the opportunity to assess the EU's response, through its external and internal policies, to human rights violations during the pandemic. It also helped to further raise the profile of the European Parliament and the EU more broadly in terms of their human rights engagement on the international and regional stage.

2 – Scrutinising the implementation of the EU's human rights policy, its impact and its contribution to promoting respect for human rights, the rule of law and democracy in partner countries; the EU's financial instruments and urgency resolutions

The EU's commitment to advancing human rights and democracy and the need for strong, consistent, effective and collective action in this field lie at the core of DROI's activities. To advance these goals, DROI pursues its scrutiny activities using a wide range of **means**.

An important scrutiny tool is DROI's strategic annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the EU's policy on the matter, including the implementation of the EU action plan on human rights and democracy. This report allows DROI members to examine and analyse the EU's performance in the field of human rights and to put forward a number of concerns and recommendations. Ahead of the plenary vote, the draft resolution is debated with the VP/HR. The five annual reports adopted in the ninth legislative term tracked a number of alarming global trends, many of which were further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the outbreak of war in the EU's immediate neighbourhood.

- In [2020](#), Members denounced the continuing pushback against multilateralism and the rule-based international order, which continued to pose a serious challenge to human rights around the globe. They condemned the misuse of legitimate purposes, such as counter-terrorism, state security and law enforcement, to limit freedom of expression both online and offline.

Furthermore, in this first annual report of the term, Members prepared the ground for a comprehensive Parliament position on business and human rights. They reaffirmed that the activities of all companies, whether operating domestically or across borders, must be fully compliant with international human rights standards. They also called for the EU to adopt a strategy on new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, and to respond to the threats these technologies could pose to human rights, including through the spread of fake news and hate speech, as well as an increased use of mass surveillance.

- In [2021](#), Members highlighted the negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic on democracy, the rule of law and space for civil society organisations and HRDs. They asked the EU to develop a comprehensive strategy at multilateral level to counter the increasing withdrawal of states from international human rights frameworks. DROI members also elaborated on how to strengthen the EU's foreign policy toolbox. They called for human rights clauses to be systematically included in all international agreements, in particular trade and association agreements between the EU and non-EU countries. They stressed the importance of providing adequate budgetary and other support for activities and the promotion and protection of democracy and human rights under the NDICI. They requested the introduction of qualified majority voting in the Council, notably when it comes to human rights-related matters. They pushed for the urgent adoption and implementation of an autonomous, flexible and reactive global EU human rights sanctions mechanism, as an essential part of the EU'S existing human rights and foreign policy toolbox.
- In [2022](#), Members underlined the increasing number of illiberal democracies and autocratic regimes, which made up a majority of governments in the world for the first time in 20 years. Members called for the EU and the Member States to use the tools at their disposal, including their economic leverage in bilateral trade relations, to provide more ambitious support for freedom, good governance, the rule of law and democratic institutions. Members stressed that climate change was one of the greatest threats to the human rights of our generation and future generations. They encouraged the EU and the Member States to promote the recognition of ecocide as an international crime and asked the Commission to study the relevance of ecocide to EU law and diplomacy. Expressing serious concern about the precarious situation of HRDs, Members asked for the EU to start developing a strategy for ambitious EU action to address the rising number of attacks against HRDs. Such a strategy should include the establishment of an EU-wide scheme for the issuing of short-term visas for the temporary relocation of HRDs.
- In [2023](#), Members highlighted an alarming rise in the number of serious violations of international humanitarian law around the world and requested strong international and multilateral cooperation to fight the trend. They called for the EU to continue supporting the UN, both politically and financially, including all UN human rights bodies. They also called for the EU to assist the Prosecutor of the ICC in investigating and prosecuting alleged perpetrators of

international crimes under its jurisdiction. They underlined that the EU's action on the international scene must be guided by the support for democracy, human rights and the rule of law that inspired its own creation. To that end, Members urged the EU to make consistent use of clauses in trade agreements that protect human rights, including those related to closer monitoring and enforcement of human rights commitments. They also called for the link between the granting of preferential trade treatment and progress on human rights to be strengthened in the updated Regulation on the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP+).

- In [2024](#), Members strongly condemned an increasing disregard for international human rights law and international humanitarian law, in particular in armed conflict zones. They denounced attacks on the universality of human rights and all attempts to neutralise human rights mechanisms and the ability to hold states accountable for human rights violations, atrocities and international crimes. They called for the EU to further develop its toolbox and act in unity when opposing the global democratic decline and regression in human rights around the world. They asked the EU and its Member States to continue working to strengthen democratic institutions and transparent and credible electoral processes worldwide, to fight against impunity, and to ensure an enabling environment for the work of civil society. Members also urged the EU and the Member States to develop a comprehensive strategy to counter increasing state withdrawal and pushback against the international human rights frameworks.
- Additionally, all the annual reports surveyed a broad range of issues, including the global rights situation of minorities, women (including sexual and reproductive health rights), indigenous persons, children, migrants and refugees, persons with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ people, as well as freedom of expression and the use of the death penalty worldwide. Furthermore, Members consistently condemned attacks on and harassment of HRDs, including journalists, and highlighted the need for a proactive, holistic and long-term approach towards their protection. Members recalled that respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law was a cross-cutting objective under the NDICI, and highlighted the importance of improving ways to fund civil society actors. Moreover, they called on the Commission to strictly refrain from providing budget support to non-EU governments in countries with widespread human rights violations and repression of HRDs. They reiterated their call for greater transparency regarding human rights-related provisions in financing agreements with non-EU countries under the NDICI and for a clarification on the mechanisms and criteria for the suspension of such agreements. Members underlined Parliament's role in the NDICI's programming process in this regard.
- During this term, the EU Special Representative on Human Rights **Eamon Gilmore** regularly participated in DROI's exchanges of views and other events, by presenting his annual work-programme and priorities and reporting on country visits. He also debriefed the Members on a number of **human rights**

dialogues with partner countries (Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, etc.). The meetings were an opportunity to show DROI's support and give more visibility to the work of the EU Special Representative. Furthermore, several European Commissioners participated in DROI's activities. Commissioner **Helena Dalli** addressed the EU's effort to fight systemic discrimination and enhance social cohesion (22 September 2020). Commissioner **Didier Reynders** gave details on how a new piece of EU legislation on due diligence could make corporations and businesses more responsive to human rights violations (16 July 2021). Commissioner **Janez Lenarčič** briefed the Members on EU humanitarian aid to the Afghan people and assistance to neighbouring countries hosting refugees (24 March 2022). Commissioner **Dubravka Šuica** reiterated the Commission's commitment to support the collection of evidence on the forced deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia, with a view to holding all perpetrators accountable before a court of law (01 March 2023). Commissioner **Jutta Urpilainen** participated in the high-level conference on the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She underlined the EU's commitment to use the Global Gateway to build mutually beneficial partnerships through a values-based approach that leaves no one behind (29 November 2023).

- DROI was tasked with overseeing negotiations of the EU's international agreements with partner countries, which included **human rights-related clauses** and mechanisms. Moreover, DROI was committed to monitoring the enforcement of such clauses in existing agreements through interactive dialogues with the EU institutions, the European Ombudsman and civil society representatives (05 September 2022). The need to link the ratification and implementation of the EU's trade agreements to the human rights situation in partner countries was addressed on a regular basis in DROI meetings and missions. In particular, Members supported the inclusion of strong and binding human rights clauses in all the EU's agreements. These clauses should then be triggered in the event of any deterioration in the human rights situation in the partner country and could, in extreme cases, lead to the suspension of the trade agreement. DROI members prepared an [accompanying resolution](#) in the context of the consent procedure on the EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement (2019). In addition, DROI commissioned a [study](#) on this issue (with case studies on Tunisia, Viet Nam and Ethiopia), which was presented during a workshop entitled 'Implementation mechanisms of the Human Rights Clause' (14 February 2024).
- DROI also established a **Working Group on the NDICI, with the purpose of** assessing the EEAS's and the Commission's implementation of the thematic programme related to human rights and democracy. The working group established a number of DROI priorities, in line with the recommendations made in DROI reports, relevant Parliament resolutions and the priorities laid out by the DROI coordinators. DROI was then able to outline its final priorities ahead of the completion by the EEAS and the Commission of the mid- and long-term

planning documents that translated priorities into concrete actions and activities to be financed. These priorities were also addressed during the high-level political dialogues on the NDICI in the presence of EU Commissioners.

- Under Rule 144, the European Parliament adopts up to three resolutions on breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law at each of its plenary sessions. These 'urgency resolutions' provide Parliament with an effective tool to react to international events and crises and to keep political attention focused on human rights concerns and/or specific HRDs' situations. Although they are prepared by the political groups, DROI organises a **dedicated question time** to ensure regular follow-up them, thus providing opportunities to enhance DROI's dialogue and engagement with the EEAS and the Commission. During the last term, DROI held at least 20 such question-time sessions to allow for follow-up on the implementation of urgency resolutions.

3 - Fostering parliamentary diplomacy with a broad range of interlocutors, such as UN counterparts, representatives of regional human rights organisations, international justice institutions, officials in partner countries, national human rights institutions, and international, regional and local civil society organisations, including academic communities

DROI's delegations to international institutions reflected central human rights concerns and strong support for multilateralism and a rule-based international order.

- The regular DROI delegations to the spring session of the UN Human Rights Council ([Geneva 2022](#) and [2023](#)), to the UN General Assembly ([New York 2019](#)) and to the UN Global Forum on refugees (Geneva 2019 and 2023) allowed Members to gain regular insight into EU priorities and action at multilateral level. DROI helped set an international agenda, by closely interacting with stakeholders within the UN Human Rights Council and by strengthening its dialogue with the [UN High Commissioner for Human Rights](#), currently Volker Türk, and the regional offices, including during DROI's official visits to non-EU countries. For instance, DROI coordinated activities related to a number of country situations. During DROI meetings or prior to its official visits, UN mandate-holders regularly presented the main findings of their investigations on a number of regional situations (Afghanistan, Belarus, China, Ethiopia, Iran, Nicaragua, Russia, Yemen, etc.) and the state of play on related human rights conditions (including for migrants and refugees, children and indigenous communities), providing valuable inputs for Parliament's lawmaking process. DROI promoted the legally binding international treaty on business and human rights, in particular on access to remedy and the protection of victims, with the adoption of a [resolution](#) in 2024. It prepared Parliament's positions on adopting

legislation integrating a comprehensive human rights-based approach to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, on promoting responsible business conduct and on ensuring respect for groups at the highest risk of having their human rights violated. In March 2024, DROI launched the preparation for Parliament's ad hoc delegation to the UN Summit of the Future. It organised an exchange of views (19 March 2024) with the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and with the Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the reform of the Security Council on the Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future, which was submitted in January 2024 and which guided the negotiations leading up to the summit.

- Parliament has been a strong supporter of the ICC as a central linchpin of the global accountability system. In its [2022 resolution](#) on its annual report on human rights and democracy in the world, Parliament called for the EU and the Member States to provide adequate financial support to the ICC and called for the EU to include a specific ICC clause in trade agreements to be concluded with non-EU countries. DROI regularly addressed the necessity of accountability and universal jurisdiction. DROI organised numerous activities, such as exchanges of views, workshops and hearings on international criminal justice to demonstrate support for the ICC's role and its Prosecutor – Fatou Bensouda, during her tenure from 2012 to 2021, and Karim Khan, since his appointment in 2021. In this context, DROI had a very fruitful visit to the ICC in June 2022 with a delegation made up of DROI members and both Chairs of the Committees on Legal Affairs and on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. [The visit to The Hague](#) came at a crucial moment. It followed the start of the term of the new Prosecutor, Karim Khan, the significant attention paid to the ICC's role in the investigation of international crimes committed in Ukraine, and shortly before the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on 1 July 2002. The delegation addressed the challenges arising from the Ukraine investigation and the jurisdictional limitations relating to the crime of aggression. It focused on the EU's role in responding to political attacks against the ICC and a lack of cooperation with the ICC, as well as on the ICC's cooperation with other accountability mechanisms.

A number of country visits show DROI's firm commitment to addressing the situation of human rights, transitional justice, the rule of law and democracy with interlocutors from non-EU countries. These visits included political dialogues with a country's authorities, meetings with local civil society representatives and briefings with a range of international staff. Members visited EU-funded projects to assess the impact of EU programmes and instruments in advancing human rights priorities.

- Focus was put on the situation of people on the move, such as the precarious conditions for migrants at the [US-Mexico Border](#) (2020), the protection of Syrian refugees in [Türkiye](#) (2022) and the integration of Venezuelan migrants in Colombia (2022). Members conducted several fact-finding visits to countries

affected by political crises that had resulted in either serious democratic setbacks, such as in [Tunisia](#) (2022), or constitutional reform process, like in [Kazakhstan](#) (2022). Members also comprehensively assessed the consequences of armed conflicts for the human rights situation in several countries, including by travelling to war zones and outside capitals. They were thus able to collect first-hand information from victims of atrocities and war crimes. In [Ukraine](#) (2023), DROI members stressed Parliament's firm support for Ukraine's quest for justice and underlined their commitment to work towards effective mechanisms to bridge the existing accountability gaps, including for Russia's crime of aggression, as well as the necessity of urgently addressing the situation of civilian detainees, missing persons and abducted children. In [Ethiopia](#) (2023), DROI members condemned, in the most absolute terms, the use of rape as a weapon of war. They observed the setting up of a broad inclusive national dialogue process to which the EU continues to provide financial and political support. They expressed Parliament's support for the establishment of a victim-centred, impartial and independent transitional justice policy. Finally, Members had already shed light on the critical human rights situation in [Israel and Palestine](#) in May 2023 and the major consequences of the ongoing political deadlock for the peace process. Members stressed the necessity of urgently halting the cycle of violence and insisted on substantially increasing EU political and financial support to all those in Israel and Palestine who promote accountability, peace and equality, including human rights NGOs and stakeholders promoting peaceful and educational projects as a way of building the necessary trust to re-open political discussions. After Hamas's terrorist attack against Israel on 7 October 2023 and the Israeli military's response in the Gaza Strip, the Chair of DROI visited the [Egyptian border with the Gaza Strip](#) (2024) to get an overview of the challenges that the conflict poses from a humanitarian and human point of view and also held discussions with Israeli and Palestinian interlocutors.

- Over the past decade, Parliament has welcomed the use of trade agreements and trade preference programmes as levers to promote human rights. In the context of the new Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) (as of 2024), DROI members visited [the Philippines](#) (2022) to assess the state of its compliance with human rights obligations. Members took stock of the dialogue between the Philippines and the EU on the core human rights dimension of the country's reapplication to the GSP+ preferential trade scheme. They recalled the importance of firm and actionable steps in relation to the implementation of the Philippines' obligations under the relevant international human rights conventions. In [Pakistan](#) (2022), the DROI visit allowed members to get an overall picture of the human rights challenges faced by the country. Members underlined that significant progress and renewed commitment to genuinely changing the situation on the ground were essential for Pakistan to succeed in its application process for the post-2023 GSP+. Following the ratification of the

EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement, DROI members assessed human rights developments in [Viet Nam](#) (2023). They stressed the positive role played by this Free Trade Agreement in facilitating Viet Nam's economic development, while underlining their disappointment that progress had not yet materialised in the field of human rights.

- At a time when the **universality of human rights** was being challenged, DROI remained strongly committed to supporting the OHCHR's global leadership in protecting and promoting human rights worldwide. At the initiative of DROI, the European Parliament organised a [high-level conference on the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). The public event was opened by Parliament President [Roberta Metsola](#) and followed by a keynote speech from [Volker Türk](#), UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The event was a great success with a broad variety of speakers, including from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights and the EU, with the objective of engaging with regional organisations worldwide. Other speakers included the 2021 and 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, representatives from prominent human rights organisations and youth representatives. It was the combination of both institutional and local stakeholders that gave the event its added value. There was a shared understanding of the fact that Europe should remain the continent of hope in terms of protecting and promoting human rights standards, while underlining the fact that prioritising new geopolitical considerations must never come at the expense of values and principles. Guests strongly called on the EU and Parliament to uphold the EU's founding values (Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union) by not adopting short-sighted partnerships with authoritarian regimes that undermine the people and organisations working for real change in society. Emphasis was put on the EU's credibility and on the EU's actions, which must be reliable and without prejudice, so as to preserve the consistency and integrity of the international system as a whole. Any ambiguity, silence or lack of coherency can only strengthen the narrative of those who seek to tear down the international human rights system, including in Europe. Last but not least, participants expressed their strong support for EU legislation, as it sets high standards on human rights worldwide (e.g. the Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence and the Digital Services Act). Pressing challenges were also thoroughly discussed, including climate justice, digital rights, the rights of children in conflict zones and migrants' rights.

4 – Mainstreaming a more consistent human rights agenda, including in legislation and across parliamentary committees and delegations.

DROI actively contributed, in cooperation with relevant parliamentary committees, to the preparation and adoption of legislation in various EU policy areas, with the aim of

enhancing the consistency of the EU's external policies and promoting democracy, respect for human rights and the rule of law in the world. Strong focus was put on climate, trade and migration. For instance, in the field of trade and business, it focused on various pieces of legislation.

- The European Parliament consistently called on the Commission to launch a binding piece of legislation on corporate due diligence and corporate responsibility. It considered that voluntary due diligence standards had not achieved significant progress in protecting human rights, preventing environmental harm or enabling access to justice. As associated committees, the Committee on International Trade and DROI worked closely with the Committee on Legal Affairs, the lead committee on the relevant legislative own-initiative report. Parliament and the Council agreed on [new binding rules that oblige EU and non-EU companies to integrate human rights and environmental impact into their management systems](#). These rules will benefit millions of people, including children, subject to modern slavery and labour exploitation, as well as other victims of corporate negligence. These rules will also help mitigate negative impacts on the environment and biodiversity. They complement other legislative acts, such as the [Deforestation Regulation](#), the [Conflict Minerals Regulation](#) and the agreed on draft regulation prohibiting products made with [forced labour](#). For the very first time, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights will be codified in EU law. Parliament is a strong supporter of the UN discussions on an international legally binding instrument 'to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises'. DROI contributed to strengthening this position through a number of opinions, [studies](#) and a meeting with the Chair-Rapporteur of the UN open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (19 September 2023). This work was then reflected in the [European Parliament resolution](#) adopted on 18 January 2024, as it was deemed important to highlight Parliament's position, in view of the latest developments, both at the EU and UN levels, and it reiterated the need for the EU to adopt an ambitious mandate for negotiations in order to participate decisively in the discussions.
- The EU has a strong commitment to eliminating forced labour. In 2022, the Commission proposed a new regulation to ban all products made using forced labour from the EU market. However, this proposal was criticised, as it failed to facilitate remedies for forced labour victims, in line with EU and global standards, such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. In this context, DROI addressed several aspects (e.g. access to effective remediation and changes to be introduced in the Commission's proposed regulation) by commissioning a [study](#), which enabled preparations for an [opinion](#) for the lead committees dealing with the Commission proposal

(the Committees on International Trade and on Internal Market and Consumer Protection). On March 2024, Parliament and the Council reached a [provisional agreement](#) on new rules that ban products made with forced labour from the EU market. This regulation will create a framework for enforcing this ban, including through investigations, new IT solutions and cooperation with other authorities and countries. It has several references to remediation and is a step forward in achieving fair trade and cleaning up supply chains, while prioritising human rights. The next step will be to tackle forced and state-imposed labour, while working with like-minded partners at global level.

- Since the 1970s, one of the EU's main tools to promote human rights in non-EU countries is the **Generalised System of Preferences (GSP)**, which grants certain developing countries preferential trade access to the EU market. DROI was the associated committee on the [revision of the GSP Regulation](#). DROI underlined that, although the GSP had had a positive economic impact on beneficiary countries, it had not achieved its full potential with regard to improving living standards, environmental standards or respect for human rights. DROI requested the inclusion of, among other things, an *ex ante* human rights impact assessment before the granting of standard GSP or GSP+ in order to identify any risk of human rights violations or abuses by sector in the country; increase the transparency and effectiveness of the monitoring process, strengthen the involvement of both international and domestic civil society, strengthen complaints mechanisms and make them available to HRDs and civil society organisations. DROI requested clarification on the possibility of withdrawing the preferences in the event of serious and systematic human rights violations in a particular sector. Parliament and the Council failed to reach an agreement on this during the most recent term.

Migration is a global phenomenon amplified by globalisation, rising conflicts, inequalities, climate change and environmental degradation. Migrants and refugees continue to face violations of their rights. DROI has consistently and comprehensively addressed the external dimension of the EU's migration and asylum policy.

- In the European Parliament [resolution](#) on human rights protection and the EU's external migration policy (adopted on 19 May 2021), Members stressed that, alongside the Treaty obligation to uphold the values of respect for human dignity, the EU and its Member States must also uphold human rights in their external and extraterritorial actions, agreements and cooperation in the fields of migration, borders and asylum. They recalled that the EU and its Member States have human rights obligations towards non-EU nationals when cooperating on migration with non-EU countries or other actors. Alarmed by the increasing number of informal arrangements on migration-related cooperation concluded by the Commission with non-EU countries in

[North Africa](#) without due parliamentary oversight or judicial scrutiny, on 24 January 2024, in [a joint meeting](#) with the EU Ombudsman and experts, members of DROI and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs addressed the practical human rights implications of such deals. Focusing in particular on the then recently announced Memorandum of Understanding with Tunisia, Members questioned the concept of a 'safe third country' and stressed that the EU should not turn a blind eye to arbitrary detention and pushbacks of people on the move, but should rather protect asylum seekers from violence and open legal pathways for immigration to the EU. Members recalled that the EU and its Member States should show leadership in approaching global displacement challenges and that they have committed themselves, in the context of the Global Compact on Refugees, to sharing responsibility for the effective and comprehensive protection of refugees and to alleviating the pressure on host countries. In addition, DROI prepared Parliament's recommendation on the negotiation of status agreements between the EU and non-EU countries ([Mauritania](#) and [Senegal](#)) on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex).

Mainstreaming climate change and human rights into all relevant EU policies remained a priority for the European Parliament. DROI members ensured that this priority guided EU external action and called on the Commission and the EEAS to act as credible and reliable partners on the world stage.

- DROI addressed the effects of climate change on human rights and the related role of environmental defenders. The [resolution](#) adopted in May 2021 prepared the ground for other related dimensions addressed by other committees (Committees on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and on Development), such as [biodiversity](#) loss and degradation and [access to water as a human right](#). Members highlighted the risks of human rights abuses in international commodity supply chains for both traditional and green/renewable energy, including child labour in cobalt mines, which supply the global lithium-ion battery chain. It also called on the Commission to urgently present a proposal for an EU legal framework based on mandatory due diligence to ensure that value chains are sustainable and that products or commodities placed on the EU market do not result in or derive from deforestation, forest degradation, ecosystem conversion or degradation, or human rights violations. They underlined that sustainable and accountable corporate governance was an important element of the European Green Deal. Furthermore, DROI members have condemned all forms of violence that environmental HRDs face and called for their effective protection to be guaranteed.

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Reports and opinions 2019 – 2024

Annual Reports on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter - annual report 2018 (2019/2125 (INI))	Isabel Wiseler-Lima	15 January 2020
Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter - annual report 2019 (2020/2208 (INI))	Isabel Santos	20 January 2021
Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter - annual report 2021 (2021/2181 (INI))	María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos	17 February 2022
Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter - annual report 2022 (2022/2049 (INI))	Isabel Wiseler-Lima	18 January 2023
Annual report on human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter - annual report 2023 (2023/2118 (INI))	Nacho Sánchez Amor	28 February 2024

Reports 2023

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Shaping the EU's position on the UN binding instrument on business and human rights, in particular on access to remedy and the protection of victims (2023/2108 (INI))	Heidi Hautala	18 January 2024
The situation of children deprived of liberty in the world (2022/2197(INI))	María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos	13 December 2023
Strengthening the right to participate: legitimacy and resilience of electoral	Nacho Sánchez Amor	9 November 2023

processes in illiberal political systems and authoritarian regimes (2022/2154 (INI))

The protection of journalists around the world and the European Union's on the matter (2022/2057 (INI))

Isabel Wiseler-Lima

11 July 2023

The EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders (2021/2204 (INI))

Hannah Neumann

16 March 2023

Reports 2022

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Access to water as a human right - the external dimension (2021/2187 (INI))	Miguel Urbán Crespo	5 October 2022
The persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or religion (2021/2055 (INI))	Karol Karski	3 May 2022
Towards an EU strategy to promote education for children in the world: mitigating the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic (2021/2209 (INI))	David Lega	3 May 2022
Recommendation to the Council and the VP/HR of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning Corruption and human rights (2021/2066 (INI))	Katalin Cseh	17 February 2022

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Reports 2021

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Human rights protection and the EU external migration policy (2020/2116 (INI))	Tineke Strik	19 May 2021
The effects of climate change on human rights and the role of environmental defenders on this matter (2020/2134 (INI))	María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos	19 May 2021

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¹ [Rule 118](#)

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market (2022/0269 (COD))	Salima Yenbou	23 April 2024 (1st reading)
Transparency and accountability of non-governmental organisations funded from the EU budget (2023/2122 (INI))	Deidre Clune	17 January 2024

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Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Report on the ongoing negotiations on a status agreement on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in Senegal (2023/2086 (INI))	Jan-Christoph Oetjen	Procedure rejected in Plenary
Report on the ongoing negotiations on a status agreement on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in Mauritania (2023/2087 (INI))	Jan-Christoph Oetjen	22 November 2023
Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (2022/0051 (COD))	Raphaël Glucksmann	1 June 2023

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Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Amending Directive 2013/34/EU, Directive 2004/109/EC, Directive 2006/43/EC and Regulation (EU) No 537/2014, as regards corporate sustainability reporting (2021/0104 (COD))	Karin Karlsbro	10 November 2022
Applying a generalized scheme of tariff preferences and repealing Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2021/0297 (COD))	Maria Arena	Awaiting Parliament's position on 1st reading
Better regulation: Joining forces to make better laws (2021/2166 (INI))	Maria Arena	7 July 2022

Recommendations to the Council and the VP/HR of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy concerning the negotiations for a cooperation agreement between the European Union and the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO–INTERPOL) (2022/2025 (INI))

David Lega

5 July 2022

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Opinions 2021

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives (2020/2273 (INI))	Bettina Vollath	9 June 2021

Opinions 2020

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Corporate due diligence and corporate accountability (2020/2129 (INL))	Raphaël Glucksmann	10 March 2021

Opinions 2019

Title	Rapporteur	Resolution
Conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (2018/0356M(NLE))	Isabel Wiseler-Lima	12 February 2020
Accompanying procedure:		
Conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (2018/0356 (NLE))	Isabel Wiseler-Lima	
Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part (2018/0358M(NLE))	Isabel Wiseler-Lima	12 February 2020

² [Rule 118](#)

Accompanying procedure:

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Investment Protection Agreement
between the European Union and its
Member States, of the one part, and the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the
other part (2018/0358 (NLE))

Hearings, exchanges of views, workshops and events, 2019–2024

2024

Date	Topic	Speakers
19 March 2024	Exchange of views with ICC Deputy Prosecutor Nazhat Shameem Khan	Ms Nazhat Shameem Khan , Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC)
19 March 2024	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Pakistan following the publication of the fourth EU assessment report on the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) and as follow-up to the DROI visit to Pakistan in September 2022	(partly in camera) Mr Saif ul Malook , Human rights lawyer Ms Deren Derya , Head of Division, Afghanistan and Pakistan, EEAS Mr Ulrich Weigl , Head of Unit, Bilateral relations in Trade and Sustainable Development, Generalised Scheme of Preferences, DG TRADE
19 March 2024	Exchange of views on the preparation of the upcoming UN Summit of the Future on 22–23 September 2024	Mr Tarek M.A.M. Albanai , Ambassador, UN Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations (New York) and Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the Security Council reform
19 March 2024	Presentation of study on enhancing the protection of human rights defenders and facilitating access to the EU and supporting HRDs from third countries	Ms Vasiliki Apatzidou , Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom
19 March 2024	Exchange of views with May Pundak and Rula Hardal, Israeli and Palestinian Executive Directors of A Land for All – Two States One Homeland	Ms May Pundak , Israeli executive director, A Land for All Ms Rula Hardal , Palestinian executive director, A Land for All
18 March 2024	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Haiti, notably in relation to migration <i>(In association with the European Parliament's Delegation to the Caribbean–EU Parliamentary Assembly)</i>	Mr Pierre Espérance , Partner, Coordination Europe–Haïti Mr Jean-Martin Bauer , World Food Programme Representative and Country Director in Haiti

14 February 2024	Exchange of views on the deterioration of the situation of human rights defenders in Central America <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America)</i>	Ms Elektra Lagos , Director, International Network for Human Rights Europe (RIDHE) Ms Anabella Sibrián , Director, Protection International Mesoamérica Mr Edgard Blanco López , Nicaraguan student leader in exile
14 February 2024	Exchange of views on the recent wave of killings in Plateau State in Nigeria	Ms Adwoa Kufuor , Senior Human Rights Adviser to the UN Resident Coordinator in Nigeria Ms Marcela Szymanski , Head of EU Office, Aid to the Church in Need – ACN International Mr Maurice Canice Chukwu , Human Rights Researcher, Amnesty International Nigeria
14 February 2024	Exchange of views on the situation of threatened journalists and media workers, the example of cartoonists around the world, as follow-up to the report on the protection of journalists around the world and the European Union's policy on the matter adopted on 11 July 2023	Mr Patrick Lamassoure (alias Kak), President of Cartooning for Peace
14 February 2024	Exchange of views on the developments on the jurisdiction on the Russian crime of aggression in Ukraine, as follow-up to DROI visit to Ukraine on 22-23 October 2023	Mr Philippe Sands , Professor of Public Understanding of Law, Faculty of Law, University College London (UCL) Mr Anton Korynevych , Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
14 February 2024	Exchange of views on the human rights developments in Ethiopia in the context of the follow-up to the DROI visit to Ethiopia on 17-20 December 2023	Prof. Steven Ratner , Professor of Law, University of Michigan, and former Member of the UN International Commission of Human Rights Experts in Ethiopia Dr Tadesse Kassa , Head of the Transitional Justice Working Group of Experts
14 February 2024	Workshop on "Implementation mechanisms of the Human Rights Clause" and presentation of case studies on Tunisia, Vietnam and Ethiopia	Dr Clair Gammage , Professor in International Commercial Law, University of Exeter Dr Narin Idriz , Senior researcher T.M.C. Asser Institute Ms Gaëlle Dusepulchre , Vice-Chair of the EU and Vietnam Domestic Advisory

		Group (DAG) and Deputy Director of Business, Human Rights and Environment at the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) Mr Kamel Jendoubi , Honorary President of EuroMed Rights
24 January 2024	Exchange of views on the state of democracy in Guatemala	Commissioner Andrea Pochak , Inter-American Commission for Human Rights Mr Mika Kanervavuori , Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala Mr Augusto Jordán Rodas Andrade , Former Ombudsman of Guatemala (2017–2022)
24 January 2024	Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of the EU external migration policy from a fundamental rights protection perspective as follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 19 May 2021 on human rights protection and the EU external migration policy <i>(With the participation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)</i>	Ms Rosita Hickey , Director of Inquiries, Office of the EU Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly Ms Sara Prestianni , Director of EuroMed Rights
24 January 2024	Exchange of views on the implementation of the EU global Human Rights sanctions regime, as follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 8 July 2021 on the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (EU Magnitsky Act)	Ms Tinatin Tsertsvadze , Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations MS Natalie Lucas , Legal Officer, Redress Mr Richard Ratcliffe , Husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a British-Iranian national held hostage in Iran from 2016 to 2022

2023

Date	Topic	Speakers
30 November 2023	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Israel and Palestine	Mr Eli Barnavi , Historian and former Israeli diplomat Mr Sari Nusseibeh , Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Al Quds University Mr Magen Inon , Educator and solidarity advocate

	<p>Ms Rula Daood, Co-Director of Standing Together, a grassroots movement for peace, equality and social and climate justice</p>
<p>30 November 2023</p> <p>Exchange of views on the rights of persons with disabilities in conflict and post-conflict situations <i>(In the framework of the European Parliament's first Disability Rights Week)</i></p>	<p>Ms Ulrike Last, Policy and Development Lead Specialist, Handicap International Mr Luis Gallegos, Former Minister of Foreign Relations of Ecuador and President of the Committee that drafted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</p>
<p>29 November 2023</p> <p>High-Level Conference: The 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM)</p>	<p>Ms Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament Mr Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Mr Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights Ms Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, 1st Vice President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Ms Amina Mohamed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (video message) Mr Idrissa Sow, Commissioner at the African Commission on Human and People's Rights Mr Mattias Guyomar, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights Ms Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships Ms Agnes Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International Ms Khin Ohmar, Progressive Voice, Myanmar Mr Tony Germain Nkina, APODH, Burundi Mr Abdelkhalig Shaib, Sudan Ms Parasto Hakim, Afghanistan Mr Dimitri Muratov, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021 Ms Oleksandra Matviichuk, Head of the Center for Civil Liberties, Nobel Peace</p>

Prize laureate 2022 and representing the Ukrainian people for the Sakharov Award for Freedom of Thought 2022

Ms Mahbouba Seraj, Director of Afghan Women Skills Development Center

Mr Arnold Kiel Loughman, Attorney General of Vanuatu

Ms Yvonne Yanez, Accion Ecologica, Ecuador

Mr Ruslan Myatiev, Turkmen.news, Turkmenistan

Ms Ana Claudia Santano, Transparencia Eleitoral Brasil, Brasil

Mr Behrouz Asadi on behalf of Erfan Ramizipour (Iran)

Ms Heidi Hautala, Vice President of the European Parliament

MPs from EU Member States:

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Ms Maria Antoniou, Head of the Delegation of the Hellenic Parliament and Chair of the Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights

Mr Ioannis Sarakiotis, Member of the Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights (Hellenic Parliament)

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Ms Deborah Bergamini, Member of the Committee on Foreign and European Community Affairs (Italian Chamber of Deputies)

Mr Tomas Vytautas Raskevičius, Head of the Delegation of the Lithuanian Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Human Rights

Ms Katalin Csöbör, Head of the Delegation of the Hungarian National Assembly and Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

		<p>Dr. Koloman Brenner, Vice-chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Hungarian National Assembly)</p> <p>Mr Henk Marquart Scholtz, Head of the Delegation of the Dutch Senate and Member of the Committee on Justice and Security</p> <p>Ms Janny Bakker-Klein, Member of the Committee on Justice and Security (Dutch Senate)</p> <p>Mr Nikolaus Scherak, Head of the Delegation of the Austrian National Council and Chair of the Committee on Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Anca Dana Dragu, Chair of the Committee for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities, Religions and Minorities (Romanian Senate)</p> <p>Mr Radu Mihai Mihail, Member of the Committee for Foreign Policy (Romanian Senate)</p> <p>Ms Lucia Plavakova, Head of the Delegation of the Slovak National Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Human Rights</p> <p>Ms Zuzana Stevulova, Member of the Delegation of the Slovak National Parliament and Member of the Committee on Human Rights</p>
13 November 2023	<p>Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of human rights in Tunisia <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries)</i></p>	In Camera
13 November 2023	<p>Workshop: Forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children</p>	<p>Dr. Andreas Umland, Analyst, Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies, Swedish Institute of International Affairs</p> <p>Dr. Yulia Ioffe, Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London</p> <p>Mr Mikola Kuleba, Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for Children's rights and Co-founder of the Alliance for Ukraine Without Orphans</p> <p>Ms Anna Wright, Regional Researcher covering Ukraine, Amnesty International</p>

26 October 2023	4th European Gender Equality Week: Exchange of views on the deterioration of women's rights and safety in Afghanistan under Taliban rule <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i>	Ms Marzia Amiri , Teacher and founder of the largest network of underground home schools in Afghanistan Ms Maria Bashir , Former Prosecutor General of Herat Province, Afghanistan; Women's Human Rights Defender, Founder of Afghan Women Unity Organization (AWUO)
25 October 2023	Hearing on tackling the root causes of migration, the externalisation of the EU's migration policy and the treatment of refugees and migrants in partner countries in North Africa <i>(In association with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)</i>	Ms Carmen González Enríquez , Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute Mr Hamidou Manou Nabara , Coordinator of Youth-Childhood-Migration-Development (JMED) and Founder and President of Migration-Development-Human Rights Network (REMIDDH), Niger Ms Sara Prestianni , Head of Thematic Programme Unit, Euromed Rights Mr Khaled Salem , Head of Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture - Libya (OMCT)
25 October 2023	Exchange of views with Tirana Hassan, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch (HRW)	Ms Tirana Hassan , Executive Director, Human Rights Watch (HRW)
9 October 2023	Workshop on Strengthening the democracy clause in EU Agreements and instruments: exploring election conditionality	Mr Armin Rabitsch , Democracy & Elections Expert, Election-Watch.EU Ms Meaghan Fitzgerald , Head of the Election Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
5 October 2023	Exchange of views with the ASEAN Representatives following the 5th EU-ASEAN Policy Dialogue on Human Rights on 3 October 2023 in Brussels <i>(In the context of an Extra-ordinary meeting - Strasbourg)</i>	Ms Yuyun Wahyuningrum , Current Chair of AICHR (Indonesia) Mr Yong Chanthalangsy , AICHR Representative of Lao PDR Ms Aishah Bidin , AICHR Representative of Malaysia; Mr Hans Mohaimin Siriban , AICHR Representative of the Philippines Mr Shashi Jayakumar , AICHR Representative of Singapore Mr Manuel Da Costa E Silva , Representative of Timor Leste (Observer to ASEAN) Mr Minh Manh Trinh , AICHR Representative of Viet Nam Ms Nipon Ouch , AICHR Representative of Cambodia

		<p>Ms Yanti Kusumawardhani, Current Chair of ASEAN Committee on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) (Indonesia)</p> <p>Ms Maziah Binti Che Yusoff, Secretary General of ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)</p> <p>Mr Nugroho Bangun Witono, Representative of ASEAN Committee on Migrant Workers (ACMW)</p>
19 September 2023	Exchange of views on shaping the EU's position on the UN binding instrument on business and human rights, in particular on access to remedy and the protection of victims	<p>Ambassador Cristian Espinosa Canizares, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva, Chair-Rapporteur of the UN Open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (remotely)</p> <p>Dr Virginie Rouas, Policy Officer, European Coalition for Corporate Justice and Research Associate at the Asser Institute and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London</p>
19 September 2023	Exchange of views with the Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN)	<p>Mr Tommaso Nodari, Programme Officer, Civil Rights Defenders (CRD)</p> <p>Ms Leslie Piquemal, Senior EU Advocacy Representative, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS)</p> <p>Mr Claudio Francavilla, Senior EU Advocate, Human Rights Watch (HRW)</p>
19 September 2023	Exchange of views on the human rights dimension of the negotiations on a EU-India Free Trade Agreement, in the presence of the European Commission and the EEAS	In Camera
19 September 2023	Exchange of views with Frans van Daele, Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) outside the EU	Mr Frans van Daele , Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) outside the EU
18 September 2023	Exchange of views on the human rights situation of Ethiopian migrants at the Yemen-Saudi border	Ms Nadia Hardman , Researcher, Refugee and Migrants Rights Division, Human Rights Watch (remotely)

18 September 2023	Exchange of views on the situation in Iran one year after the death of human rights activist Mahsa Amini	Mr Javaid Rehman , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran Prof. Azadeh Kian , Sociologist and expert on Iran and Women's rights, Université Paris Cité, Institut des humanités, sciences et sociétés Ms Gilda Sahebi , Journalist, author and expert on the situation in the Middle East, human rights and the situation of women in Iran
7 September 2023	Exchange of views on the external dimension of the rescue at sea in the Mediterranean	Ms Sara Prestianni , Advocacy Director, EuroMed Rights Ms Giorgia Linardi , Spokesperson, Sea-Watch
7 September 2023	Exchange of views on human rights in Frontex activities and in relation to third countries	Ms Hans Leijters , Executive Director, Frontex – European Border and Coast Guard Agency
7 September 2023	Follow-up to the DROI mission to the Philippines of 22-24 February 2023: Bringing justice to the victims of the war on drug in The Philippines	Mr Richard Paat Palpal-latoc , Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of the Philippines Mr Carlos Conde , Senior Researcher, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch
20 July 2023	Exchange of views with Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs</i>)	Mr Volker Türk , United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR)
19 July 2023	Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM): The Coordination of EU Delegations and EU Member States Embassies on human rights in third countries	Ambassador Gilles Bertrand , Head of the EU Delegation to Colombia (video message) Ambassador Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut , Head of the EU Delegation to Türkiye Philippe Dam, EU Director for Advocacy, Human Rights Watch
19 July 2023	Exchange of views on enforced disappearances (trends and new practices worldwide) and on macro-cases within the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) in Colombia (sexual violence and enforced disappearances)	Mr Roberto Carlos Vidal López , President, Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP), Colombia Ms Yanette Bautista , Fundación para los Derechos Humanos "Nydia Erika Bautista", Colombia Ms Luz Janeth Forero , Director General, Search Unit for Disappeared Persons, Colombia
19 July 2023	Hearing on the human rights impact of sourcing critical raw	Ms Juliane Kippenberg , Associate Director, Child Rights, Human Rights Watch

	materials (sub-issue on Orinoco Mining Arc) <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Development)</i>	Ms Cristina Vollmer de Burelli , Executive Director, V5 Initiative Ms Anne Wehkamp , Strategic Policy Advisor, CNV International
29 June 2023	Spotlight on forgotten crises: Exchange of views at the occasion of the World Refugee Day <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Development)</i>	Mr Bahati Mnyci , Refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Ms Yasmine Rockenfeller , Chief of Global Issues EU, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
29 June 2023	Exchange of views on the human rights situation of Sri Lanka in the context of the GSP review	Ms Bhavani Fonseka , Human rights lawyer, Sri Lanka Ambassador Denis Chaibi , Head of the EU Delegation to Sri Lanka
28 June 2023	Exchange of views on the next steps at international level on arbitrary detention <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Canada)</i>	Ms Julie Sunday , Assistant Deputy Minister for Consular Affairs, Global Affairs Canada, Foreign Ministry Ms Ruth Bajada , Head of US-Canada Division, EEAS Mr Michael Kovrig , Former diplomat, Canadian and Hungarian citizen arbitrarily detained in China for more than 1000 days (2018-2021)
28 June 2023	Exchange of views on media freedom in the Maghreb region <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries)</i>	In Camera
28 June 2023	Exchange of views with Nobel Peace Prize laureate Ales Bialiatski's wife, Natalia Pinchuk <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus)</i>	Ms Natalia Pinchuk , Wife of Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Belarusian pro-democracy activist Ales Bialiatski
28 June 2023	Exchange of views on the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) study on entry and stay of human rights defenders at risk in EU Member States <i>(jointly with the Committee on Development)</i>	Mr Michael O'Flaherty , Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
23 May 2023	Hearing on the state of rights and freedoms in Cuba, including the effects of the embargo	Ms Juanita Goebertus , Director, Americas, Human Rights Watch (HRW) (remotely) Mr Hugo Acha , Director of Research and Outreach, Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba (remotely)

		Mr Joel Hernández García , Commissioner, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
23 May 2023	Exchange of views on missing persons in Syria (Official side event to the Syria Brussels VII Conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region" 14-15 June 2023) <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries)</i>	Mr Khalil Al haj Saleh , on behalf of Massar, in representation of the Syrian Victims' Associations Mr Andreas Kleiser , Director of Policy and Cooperation, International Commission for Missing Persons (ICMP) Ms Bénédicte L'Eplattenier , Head of Syria Missing Coordination Cell, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
23 May 2023	Exchange of views on the midterm review of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024	Ms Luisa Ragher , Head of the Human Rights Division, EEAS Mr Neal Mac Call , Head of the Division Democracy and Electoral Observation, EEAS
22 May 2023	In-Depth Analysis on 'Assessment of the implementation of the human rights clause in international and sectoral agreements of the EU'	Prof. Lorand Bartels , Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge, UK Ms Marta Hirsch-Ziemińska , Principal Adviser on Charter compliance, Secretariat-General of the European Ombudsman, Directorate of Inquiries, European Ombudsman Ms Gaëlle Dusepulchre , Deputy Director of Globalization, International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH)
22 May 2023	Exchange of views on the situation of children in Gaza in the context of the DROI mission to Israel/Palestine on 18-22 June 2023	Mr Jason Lee , Country Director, Save the Children Occupied Palestinian Territory Mr Issam Younis , Director General, Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights
25 April 2023	Presentation of the in-depth analysis on the opposition of models and narratives in the field of human rights in the context of the preparation of the DROI visit to Geneva on 26-28 April 2023	Ms Rosa Freedman , Director, Global Development Division, University of Reading, United Kingdom Ms Lizza Bomassi , Deputy Director, Carnegie Europe
25 April 2023	Exchange of views on how to support human rights, freedom and democracy in Iran <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Democracy Support)</i>	Ms Mahdieh Golroo , Journalist and women's rights activist Ms Fatameh Karimi , Researcher in Sociology of Gender, women's rights activist and president of Kurdistan Human Rights Network, France

	<i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Iran)</i>	Dr Ardeshir Amir Arjomand , Senior advisor to the 2009 Iranian presidential elections candidate Mr Mir-Hossein Mousavi, France Mr Hamed Esmaeilion , writer and activist
25 April 2023	Follow-up to the DROI visit to Pakistan of 19–21 September 2022	In-camera
24 April 2023	Presentation of a briefing on the Commission proposal for a Regulation on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market and the issue of remedies	Dr Claire Methven O’Brien , Reader, School of Law, University of Dundee, UK, and Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark Dr Amy Weatherburn , Chargé de Recherches FRS-FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium Ms Hélène de Rengervé , EU senior advisor, Anti-Slavery International
24 April 2023	Exchange of views on the implications of the EU external migration policy in West Africa, in particular in relation to NDICI and other EU funded projects	Mr Ciré Sall , Representative of the NGO Alarmphone Dakar Ms Lauren Seibert , Researcher, Refugee and Migrant Rights Division, Human Rights Watch Ms Aminata Monekata , Representative of the NGO ActionAid
24 April 2023	Exchange of views on EU instruments for tackling corruption globally	Ms Tinatin Tsertsvadze , Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundation Ms Channing Sophia Mavrellis , Illicit Trade Director, Global Financial Integrity (GFI) (remotely)
21 March 2023	Exchange of views on the recent developments in Tunisia <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries)</i>	In-camera
21 March 2023	Hearing on the state of human rights in Algeria in the framework of the renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries)</i>	Mr Saïd Sahli , Vice-President of the Algerian League for the Defence of Human Rights (LADDH) Mr Abdelmajid Zaalani , President of Algeria’s National Human Rights Council Ms Dalia Ghanem , MENA senior analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)
21 March 2023	Follow-up to the EP resolution of 5 May 2022 on the continuous crackdown of political opposition in Cambodia ahead	Ms Carmen Moreno , Ambassador of the European Union to Cambodia

	of the upcoming elections in July	Ms Barbara Plinkert , Head of Division, South East Asia, External European Action Service
21 March 2023	Debriefing of the 38th session of the EU-China Human Rights Dialogue held on 17 February 2023 In association with the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China	In Camera
20 March 2023	Workshop ' Towards an International Anti-Corruption Court? '	Mr Cedric Ryngaert , Professor of public international law, Utrecht University Judge Mark L. Wolf , Chair, Integrity Initiatives International, Senior United States District Judge and former Chief Judge of the District of Massachusetts, US Ms Juanita Olaya Garcia , Anti-corruption expert and chair of the UNCAC working group on victims of corruption Mr Juan Francisco Sandoval , Former head of the Special Prosecutor's Office against Impunity in Guatemala (Fiscalía Especial Contra la Impunidad (FECI))
20 March 2023	Exchange of views on the future EU anti-corruption sanctions regime	Ms Sandra De Waele , Head of the Sanction Division, European External Action Service
20 March 2023	Exchange of views on ways to fight human trafficking and organised crime	Ms Diane Schmitt , EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, European Commission Ms Aimée Comrie , Project Coordinator, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section of UNODC
2 March 2023	Hearing on conscientious objection as a human rights, in particular Russian conscientious objectors	Mr Michael Wiener , Human rights officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Sam Biesemans , Vice-President, European Bureau for Conscientious Objection Mr Saša Belik , Advocacy officer, Sphere Foundation Mr Sergey Krivenko , Board member of Memorial International and head of the Russian NGO Grazdanin, Armia, Pravo (Citizen, Army, Law) Ms Milana Shesterikova , Head of International Office, Russian Youth Democratic Movement "Vesna"

		Mr Konstantin Staradubetz , External communications manager, Human Rights Centre Viasna
2 March 2023	Exchange of views with the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in Israel (CoI)	Ms Navanethem Pillay , Chair of the United Nations Independent International Commission Mr Miloon Kothari , Member of United Nations Independent International Commission and expert on the human rights system Mr Chris Sidoti , Member of United Nations Independent International Commission and expert in international human rights law and mechanisms
1 March 2023	Exchange of views on the violation of international law and human rights of children from Ukraine forcibly deported to or retained in Russia	Commissioner Dubravka Šuica , Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Democracy and Demography Ms Maryna Lypovetska , Representative of the Ukrainian NGO Magnolia Mr Nikilay Komarovskiy , Lawyer, Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group Mr Emmanuel Daoud , Lawyer specialised in international criminal law
1 March 2023	Exchange of views on Ukrainian civilians illegally imprisoned and tortured in Russia and occupied territories of Ukraine	Ms Oleksandra Matviichuk , Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2022 Mr Olha Reshetylova , Co-founder and coordinator of the War and Justice Media Initiative for Human Rights (MIHR) Mr Yevgeniy Zakharov , President of the Ukrainian NGO Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group Ms Khrystyna Leibak , Testimony on the case of her husband
6 February 2023	Exchange of views with Russia's anti-war opposition and European Union's action on the matter <i>(In association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee)</i>	Mr Dmitry Gudkov , Member of the Anti-War Committee of Russia Ms Olga Shorina , Co-founder, Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom
25 January 2023	Exchange of views on the lack of judicial independence in Turkey, in particular the sentencing of Mayor of Istanbul Ekrem İmamoğlu	Dr. Hürcan Aslı Aksoy , German Institute for International and Security Affairs Mr Kerem Altıparmak , Ankara Bar Association, International Commission of Jurists

25 January 2023	Exchange of views with Attiya Waris, UN Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights	Ms Attiya Waris , Independent expert on the effects of foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights of the UN Mr Lars Jensen , Economist, UNDP
25 January 2023	Exchange of views on the protection of journalists around the world and the European Union's policy on the matter	Mr Christophe Deloire , Secretary-general of Reporters Without Borders
25 January 2023	Exchange of views with Nicholas Koumjian, Head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar of the UN	Mr Nicholas Koumjian , Head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar of the UN
25 January 2023	Workshop on strengthening the right to participate: legitimacy and resilience of electoral processes in illiberal political systems and authoritarian regimes	Mr Thomas Demmelhuber , Professor of Middle East politics and society at the University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe Mr Richard Youngs , Professor of international relations at the University of Warwick, Senior Fellow at Carnegie Europe and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe

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5 December 2022	Hearing: African Union and its human rights and democracy mechanisms <i>(In association with the Committee on Development and the Delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament)</i>	Mr Paul Angaman , President of the International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT) Mr Omar Faruk Osman , Co-Chair of the AU Civil Society Steering Committee on Human Rights and Democratic Governance and Secretary General of the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) Ms Hannah Forster , Co-Chair of the AU Civil Society Steering Committee on Human Rights and Democratic Governance and Executive Director The African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS)
5 December 2022	Exchange of views on the recent demonstrations in China	Ms Vanessa Frangville , Senior Lecturer and Chair Holder in China Studies at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

		Ms Chloé Froissart , Professor, Institut Français de Recherche sur l'Asie de l'Est, INALCO
5 December 2022	Exchange of views on the situation of democracy in Nigeria	Mr Samson Itodo , Member of the Board of Advisers, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)
29 November 2022	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Afghanistan <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i>	Mr Richard Bennett , Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan Ms Lisa Davis , Associate Professor of Law and Special Adviser on Gender Persecution to the International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor Mr Hussain Rezai , Afghan researcher and recipient of the Afghanistan Scholars at Risk Project at the Global Campus of Human Rights
29 November 2022	Exchange of views on the situation in Lebanon and in particular the fight against corruption <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries)</i>	Mr Wadih Akl , Lawyer
29 November 2022	Exchange of views on the National human rights commission / Ombudsman office of GSP+ countries	Ms Zaida Morais de Freitas , Chair of the National Commission for Human Rights, Cabo Verde Ms Rabiya Javeri Agha , Chair of the National Commission for Human Rights, Pakistan Ms Atyr Abdrakhamatova , Akykatchy (Ombudsman) of the Kyrgyz Republic
29 November 2022	Debriefings on: - the EU-Philippines 2nd Sub-Committee Meeting on Good Governance, Rule of Law, and Human Rights on 6 October 2022 - the EU-India Human Rights Dialogue on 15 July 2022 - the 2nd EU-Saudi Arabia Human Rights Dialogue on 7 November 2022	In Camera
28 November 2022	Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM):	Matevž Pezdirc , Head of the EU Genocide Network Secretariat, Eurojust

	<p>Universal jurisdiction – improving accountability for serious international crimes (<i>In association with the Committee on Legal Affairs</i>)</p>	<p>Ms Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Justice of Lithuania Ms Gema Gutierrez Hernandez, Associate, Guernica Group, Guernica 37 International Justice Ms Catherine Marchi-Uhel, Head of the International Impartial and Independent Mechanism, Investigation of Serious Crimes Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 Mr Andreas Schüller, Director of the International Crimes and Accountability program, European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR)</p>
28 November 2022	<p>Presentation of the in-depth analysis 'International Tribunal for Russia's Crime of Aggression against Ukraine – a Legal Assessment'</p>	<p>Mr Vaios Koutroulis, Professor of public international law, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) Mr Olivier Corten, Professor of public international law, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) Mr Carl Bildt, Co-chair, European Council of Foreign Relations (ECFR) Mr Anton Korynevych, Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine</p>
14 November 2022	<p>Exchange of views on the rule of law in Turkey (<i>In association with the European Parliament's Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee</i>)</p>	<p>Mr Erinç Sağkan, President of the Union of Turkish Bar Association Mr Yaman Akdeniz, Professor of Law at the Human Rights Law Research Center, Faculty of Law and Pro Rector for the Istanbul Bilgi University</p>
14 November 2022	<p>Exchange of views on climate action and human rights</p>	<p>Mr Christopher Bartlett, Advisor, Government of the Republic of Vanuatu Mr Ali Bin Samikh Al Marri, Minister of Labour of the state of Qatar Mr Max Tuñón, Head of the International Labour Organization Office (ILO) in Doha Mr Akhator Joël Odigie, Deputy General Secretary of the African Regional Organisation of ITUC Ms Minky Worden, Director of Global Initiatives at Human Rights Watch</p>
14 November 2022	<p>Exchange of views on world sports events and human rights in the context of the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar (<i>In association with the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula</i>)</p>	<p>Ms Minky Worden, Director of Global Initiatives at Human Rights Watch</p>
14 November 2022	<p>Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of fundamental freedoms in Tunisia in the context of the follow up</p>	<p>In Camera</p>

to the DROI delegation to Tunisia on 22–25 May 2022		
27 October 2022	Exchange of views with the UN International Team of Experts on the Democratic Republic of Congo	Mr Bacre Waly Ndiaye , President of the International Team of Experts on the DRC Ms Marie-Thérèse Keïta-Bocoum , Member of the International Team of Experts on the DRC Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu , Archbishop of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
27 October 2022	Exchange of views on EU Guidelines for Human Rights Defenders	Mr Hejaaz Hizbullah , Human Rights Defender, Lawyer, Minority Rights Advocate, Sri Lanka
27 October 2022	Debriefing of the 51st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (12 September – 7 October 2022), Geneva	Ms Christina Kokkinakis , EEAS Deputy Managing Director for Values and Multilateral Relations
27 October 2022	Exchange of views on the ongoing mass protests in Iran	Mr Navid Kermani , Writer
26 October 2022	Hearing: Human rights situation in Sahel following a series of (attempted) coups d'état	Ms Emanuela Claudia Del Re , EU Special Representative for the Sahel Mr Alioune Tine , UN independent expert on the human rights situation in Mali Ms Barke Diallo , Collectif contre l'impunité et la stigmatisation des communautés
26 October 2022	Exchange of views on key human rights issues on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly	Mr Silvio Gonzato , Ambassador, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations
26 October 2022	UN Climate Change Conference 2022 – COP 27, Egypt <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries (DMAS))</i>	Ms Sanaa Seif , Egyptian human rights activist and film editor Mr Richard Pearshouse , Director, Environment and human rights, Human Rights Watch Mr Rami Shaath , Egyptian-Palestinian human rights activist
26 October 2022	The protection of journalists around the world and the European Union's policy on the matter – Presentation of briefing on 'Safety of journalists and media freedom: trends in non-EU countries from a human rights perspective'	Ms Jackie Harrison , UNESCO Chair on Media Freedom, Journalism Safety and the Issue of Impunity, Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM), University of Sheffield Mr Tom Gibson , Committee to Protect Journalists

		Mr Vincent Couronne , Université Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
26 October 2022	Hearing: OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)	Mr Matteo Mecacci , Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Ms Veronika Bilkova , Head of Centre for International Law, Prague
26 October 2022	Debriefing of the DROI mission to Kazakhstan on 21-25 August 2022 and exchange of views on human rights situation in Kazakhstan <i>(In association with the Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan, EU-Tajikistan and EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees and for relations with Turkmenistan and Mongolia (DCAS))</i>	Mr Sarym Aidos Amirollauly , Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security of Mazhilis of Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan Mr Matteo Mecacci , Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Mr Philippe Dam , Human Rights Watch Mr Yevgeniy Zhovtis , Director of Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law Inga Imabnbay , human rights activist
10 October 2022	Exchange of views on women's role in the rights and freedoms protest in Iran and government crackdown <i>(In the framework of the European Gender Equality Week 2022)</i>	Ms Firouzeh Nahavandi , Professor of Sociology and Director of Centre d'Études de la Coopération internationale et du Développement, Université Libre de Bruxelles Ms Sima Sabet , Senior reporter and talk show presenter, Iran International TV Ms Tara Sepehri Far , Researcher, Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch
10 October 2022	Exchange of views with Robert Jenkins, Director of Education and Adolescent Development, Programme Group, UNICEF	Mr Robert Jenkins , Director of Education and Adolescent Development, Programme Group, UNICEF
10 October 2022	Exchange of views on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and the amending Directive (EC) 2019/1937	Mr Miriam Saage-Maaß , Lawyer and Legal Director, European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights Ms Carolina de Moura Campos , Gender coordinator, Instituto Cordilheira Mr Richard Gardiner , EU Public Policy Lead, World Benchmarking Alliance Mr Danilo Chammas , Human rights lawyer and President of Instituto Cordilheira Mr Patrycja Pogodzinska , Project Officer, Equality, Roma and Social Rights Unit, European Agency For Fundamental Rights

26 September 2022	Hearing: Protecting indigenous people's rights in Brazil	<p>Mr Maurício Ye'kwana, Yanomami and Ye'kwana leader and Director of Hutukara Association</p> <p>Mr Giuseppe Cioffo, Corporate Regulation and Extractives Officer, Campus Internacional de Seguridad y Defensa (CISDE)</p> <p>Ms Patxon Metuktire, Kayapó leader and representative of the Raoni Institute</p> <p>Mr Francisco Cali Tzay, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples</p>
26 September 2022	Exchange of views with Dr Marcos A. Orellana, UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights	Mr Marcos A. Orellana , UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights
5 September 2022	Hearing: Human rights violations by mining companies in Guatemala <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America)</i>	<p>Mr Luis Solano, Economist and investigative journalist</p> <p>Mr Carlos Choc, Local journalist from the Fenix mine area</p> <p>Ms Marlies Stappers, Executive Director, Impunity Watch</p> <p>Mr Miguel Angel Galvez, Judge</p>
5 September 2022	Exchange of views with Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman, on the Strategic Initiative concerning how the European Commission ensures respect for human rights in the context of international trade agreements <i>(Jointly with the Committee on International Trade)</i>	Ms Emily O'Reilly , European Ombudsman
5 September 2022	Exchange of views on the human rights developments in China and China's action in the global human rights system <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China)</i>	Ms Sophie Richardson , China Director, Human Rights Watch
5 September 2022	Exchange of views on the implementation report on EU guidelines on Human Rights Defenders and presentation of the EPRS study "EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders: European Implementation Assessment"	<p>Mr Richard Youngs, Senior Fellow, Democracy, Conflict and Governance Programme, Carnegie Europe</p> <p>Ms Isabelle Ioannides, Policy Analyst, Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value, EPRS, European Parliament</p>

16 July 2022

Annual Venice Conference on the Global State of Human Rights: Looking Ahead - Youth as Drivers of Change (panel 3)
(Co-organised by Global Campus for Human Rights and the European Parliament)

Mr Ravi Prakash Vyas, Professor of International Law, Kathmandu Law School
Ms Isabel Wisler-Lima, Member of the European Parliament
Ms Marthe Wandou, Right Livelihood Laureate and activist from Cameroon
Ms Ghada Krayem, EU Green Skills Award
Ms Farida Amiri, Founder of Peace Friends Afghanistan
Mr Sebastiano Cognolato, President and Co-founder of Venice Calls
Ms Mariam Muradyan, Global Campus Student
Ms Nejira Pasic, Global Campus Student

15 July 2022

Annual Venice Conference on the Global State of Human Rights: Children behind bars (panel 1) and Children affected by armed conflict and violence (panel 2)
(Co-organised by Global Campus for Human Rights and the European Parliament)

Ms Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament (video message)
Ms Veronica Gomez, President of the Global Campus of Human Rights and Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
Mr Ole von Uexküll, Executive Director of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation
Mr Luigi Brugnaro, Mayor of Venice
Mr Denis Mukwege, Nobel Peace Prize, Sakharov Prize and Right Livelihood Award Laureate

Panel 1: Children Behind Bars
Mr Manfred Nowak, Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights and Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty
Ms Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Member of the European Parliament
Mr Ibrahima Lo, Writer from Senegal
Mr Najat Maalla M'jid, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children (video message)
Mr Duarte Viera, Professor of Medicine, University of Coimbra
Mr Benoit Van Keirsbilck, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the

Child and Director of Defence for
Children International

Ms Regina Jensdottir, Council of
Europe Coordinator for the Rights of
the Child

Ms Christina Kokkinakis, Director for
Values and Multilateral Relations,
European External Action Service
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Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Chair
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Justice and Home Affairs of the
European Parliament

Mr Nacho Sanchez Amor, Member of
the European Parliament

Ms Rocío Comas, Global Campus
Student

Dr Nkatha Murungi, Global Campus
Student

Panel 2: Children affected by armed
conflict and violence

Mr Benedetto Della Vedova, Deputy
Foreign Minister of Italy

Ms Emine Dzhaparova, First Deputy
Foreign Minister of Ukraine

Ms Elina Pirjatanniemi, Vice-President
of the Global Campus of Human Rights
and Professor of Constitutional and
International Law, Abo Akademi
University

Ms Maria Arena, Chair of the European
Parliament's Subcommittee on Human
Rights

Ms Sanaa Seif, Human rights activist
from Egypt

Ms Ilze Brand Kehris, UN Assistant
Secretary General for Human Rights

Ms Virginia Gamba, UN Special
Representative of the Secretary
General on Children and Armed Conflict
(video message)

Ms Flavia Pansieri, Former UN Deputy
High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ms Lotte Leicht, Chair of the Board of
the European Center for Constitutional
and Human Rights

		<p>Mr Essam Daod, Co-founder of Humanity Crew and psychiatrist</p> <p>Mr François Zimeray, Lawyer</p> <p>Mr Pierfrancesco Majorino, Vice-President of the Committee for Development of the European Parliament</p> <p>Mr Francesco Cavaluzzo, Global Campus Student</p> <p>Dr Parvez Pirzado, Global Campus Student</p>
12 July 2022	<p>Exchange of views on the crime of aggression with Ambassador Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Lichtenstein to the United Nations in New York</p>	<p>Mr Christian Wenaweser, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Lichtenstein to the United Nations in New York</p>
12 July 2022	<p>Exchange of views on the Afghan Women Leaders Forum and the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i></p>	<p>Ms Stella Ronner Grubačić, EU Ambassador for Gender and Diversity, EEAS</p> <p>Ms Hareer Hashim, Programme Manager, Afghanistan section, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom</p>
12 July 2022	<p>Exchange of views with Commissioner Leyner Palacios in the context of the final report published by the Colombia's Truth Commission <i>(In association with the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly)</i></p>	<p>Mr Leyner Palacios, Commissioner for the Colombia's Truth Commission (CTC)</p> <p>Ms Janette Bautista, Director of the Foundation Nydia Erika Bautista</p>
16 June 2022	<p>Exchange of views on the right to a fair trial and the application of the principle of non-refoulement (removal, expulsion or extradition)</p>	<p>Mr Mohamedou Ould Slahi Houbeini, Former detainee and author of "Guantánamo Diary"</p>
16 June 2022	<p>Exchange of views with Dr Jean-Claude Scholsem on the constitutional and legislative framework concerning the referendum and elections announced by the President of the Republic of Tunisia</p>	<p>Mr Jean-Claude Scholsem, Professor Emeritus, University of Liège, and substitute member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Council of Europe</p>

	<i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Maghreb countries)</i>	
16 June 2022	Exchange of views with Richard Bennett, UN Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i>	Mr Richard Bennett , UN Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
15 June 2022	Follow-up to the European Parliament resolution on the coordination of the various mechanisms established for the fight against impunity for war crimes in Ukraine <i>(In association with the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee, the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, and the Delegation for relations with Belarus)</i>	Mr Geoffrey Robertson QC , Barrister and the first President of the War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone (2002-2007) Mr Jonathan Agar , Special Assistant to the Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court Ms Myroslava Krasnoborova , Liaison Prosecutor for Ukraine at Eurojust Mr Anton Korynevych , Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
15 June 2022	Exchange of views on the recent developments in Ethiopia in the context of the follow-up to the European Parliament urgency resolution on the matter adopted on 26 November 2020 and 7 October 2021	Mr Tadesse Kassa Woldetsadik , Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Accountability and Redress, Ministry of Justice, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Ms Birgit Van Hout , Regional Representative for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Fisseha Tekle , Regional Researcher for Horn of Africa, Amnesty International
15 June 2022	Exchange of views on the rule of law in Lebanon <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries)</i>	In Camera
15 June 2022	The protection of journalists around the world and the European Union's policy on the matter	Mr Christophe Deloire , Secretary General of Reporters Without Borders - postponed Ms Aye Min Thant , Journalist and editor of Frontier Myanmar

		Mr Zapiro , Journalist and editorial cartoonist at the Daily Maverick, a South-African daily online newspaper Mr Anton Barbashin , Editorial director at Riddle
15 June 2022	Presentation of the In Depth Analysis 'Safety of journalists in non-EU countries: state and non-state mechanisms and the role of the EU' by Dr Tamsin Mitchell	Dr Tamsin Mitchell , Independent researcher and consultant Mr Jean-Paul Marthoz , Journalist, coordinator of the Council of Europe's report on the safety of journalists, and former foreign affairs editor of Le Soir
15 June 2022	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the Philippines after the presidential elections of 9 May 2022	Mr Julio Teehankee , Professor at De La Salle University, Manila Ms Pia Ranada , Journalist at the Philippine online news website Rappler Ms Karen Gomez Dumpit , Former Commissioner, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines
17 May 2022	Exchange of views with Carlo Olmo, lawyer, "Cavaliere della Repubblica Italiana" and activist on the rights of the child	Mr Carlo Olmo , Lawyer, "Cavaliere della Repubblica Italiana" and activist on the rights of the child Mr Vsevolod Chentsov , Ambassador of Ukraine to the EU
17 May 2022	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Vietnam with the Vietnamese delegation participating in the 10th EU-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue	Mr Do Hung Viet , Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Van Thao , Ambassador
17 May 2022	Exchange of views with LGBTIQ rights activists in the context of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (17 May)	Mr Tobias Pellicciari , Chief Executive Director of International Support Human Rights
16 May 2022	Exchange of views with Augusto Jordan Rodas Andrade, Attorney on Human Rights of Guatemala, on the recent developments in the field of human rights and the rule of law. Follow up to the European Parliament urgency resolution on the matter adopted on 7 April 2022 <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America)</i>	Mr Augusto Jordan Rodas Andrade , Attorney on Human Rights of Guatemala
16 May 2022	NDICI Global Europe Working Group on the thematic	In Camera

programme on human rights and democracy		
16 May 2022	Hearing: The next steps towards universal abolition of the death penalty	<p>Mr Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan, Executive Director of the NGO "Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort"</p> <p>Ms Maya Sahli-Fadel, Vice-Chair of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights</p> <p>Ms Christelle Vuanga Mukongo, President of the Women, Gender, Family and Child Committee of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p>
10 May 2022	Exchange of views on the Human Rights impact of Foreign interference by Gulf countries and presentation of "Undue influence", an Investigative Report on Foreign interference by the UAE in the Democratic Processes of the EU by DAAD International	<p>Mr Nicola Giovannini, Executive Director of Droit au Droit</p> <p>Ms Rula Jebreal, Award winning journalist, author, academic and filmmaker</p> <p>Ms Shelby Grossman, Stanford University Internet Observatory</p>
10 May 2022	Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of human rights and fundamental freedoms in India in the presence of an Indian human rights defender	In Camera
10 May 2022	Debriefing on the human rights situation in Belarus <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus)</i>	In Camera
10 May 2022	Presentation of the annual report on the state of impunity in the world, promoted by Fight Impunity - Association Against Impunity and for Transnational Justice	<p>Mr Gianfranco Dell'Alba, Member of Fight Impunity</p> <p>Ms Orsola Casagrande, Journalist</p>
10 May 2022	Hearing: Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence	<p>Mr Jürgen Pfeffer, Adjunct Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA, and Professor of Computational Social Science and Big Data, Technical University of Munich, Germany</p> <p>Mr Joe Westby, Deputy Director, Amnesty Tech, Amnesty International</p> <p>Ms Chung Ching Kwong, Human rights activist from Hong Kong</p>

10 May 2022	Exchange of views with Tarek Radwan, Chairman of the Committee for Human Rights, House of Representatives, Egypt <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries)</i>	Mr Tarek Radwan , Chairman of the Committee for Human Rights, House of Representatives, Egypt
10 May 2022	Presentation of Front Line Defenders Global Analysis 2021	In-camera
21 April 2022	Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM): Corporate responsibility for serious human rights abuses in third countries <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Legal Affairs)</i>	Mr Jeroen Hooijer , Head of Unit of the Interinstitutional and International Relations team, DG JUST, European Commission Ms Claire Methven O'Brien , Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights Ms Olga Martin-Ortega , Professor of International Law, University of Greenwich, UK Ms Kalpona Akter , Founder and Executive Director of the Bangladesh Center for Workers Solidarity Mr Tyler Gillard , Head of Sector and Projects and Legal Adviser, Responsible Business Conduct Unit, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
28 March 2022	Structured Dialogue on the Commission Work Programme: Exchange of views with Josep Borrell Fontelles, Vice President of the European Commission / High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy <i>(By the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) in association with the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE))</i>	Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles , Vice President of the European Commission / High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
28 March 2022	Exchange of views on accountability for the crime of aggression against Ukraine	Mr Philippe Sands , Professor of law at University College London and author of 'East West Street: On the Origins of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity' Dr Mykola Gnatovsky , Adviser to Ukraine Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba on the creation of a special criminal

		tribunal for the crime of aggression in Ukraine Mr Frank Hoffmeister (Director for General Affairs and Chief Legal Officer, EEAS)
28 March 2022	Exchange of views with Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media	Ms Teresa Ribeiro , OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
24 March 2022	Ukraine Solidarity Days: Meeting with Members of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine , chaired by Maria Arena, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, and Michael Gahler, Member of the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group and lead MEP for Democracy Support for Ukraine	Mr Ruslan Stefanchuk , Chairman of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) Leaders of the political factions of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) Mr Janez Lenarčič , European Commissioner for Crisis Management Mr Pat Cox , Former President of the European Parliament
17 March 2022	Exchange of views on the fight against impunity in Syria: the 11th anniversary of the Syrian revolution <i>(In association with the delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries)</i>	Mr Abdallah Al Khatib , Director of the documentary 'Little Palestine' Mr Ali Atassi , Producer of the documentary 'Little Palestine' Ms Simone Susskind , Former Federal Senator, founder of CSO Actions in the Mediterranean Mr Hussein Sabbagh , Secretary General, Euro-Syrian Democratic Forum
16 March 2022	Follow-up to Afghan Women Days: Exchange of views on early and forced marriages <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i>	Ms Stephanie Sinclair , Photographer and Founding Executive Director of Too Young To Wed Ms Veronica Kamanga Njikho , Gender Program Specialist, UNICEF Afghanistan
16 March 2022	Exchange of views on the rights of migrants <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)</i>	Mr Michael O'Flaherty , Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights Ms Cristina Cattaneo , Professor of Legal Medicine and Anthropology, University of Milan
16 March 2022	Modern slavery and forced labour: - Presentation of a study commissioned on behalf of the subcommittee on human rights - Exchange of views with civil society representative on forced labour in Xinjiang	Ms Katarina Schwarz , Associate Director of the Rights Lab, Assistant Professor in Antislavery Law and Policy, University of Nottingham Ms Joanna Smetek , Manager, International Research Team, Ecorys Consulting, Poland

	<i>(Jointly with the Committee on International Trade and the Committee on Development)</i>	Mr Adrian Zenz , Director and Senior Fellow in China Studies at the Victims of Communism Memorial Center and expert on forced labour in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
16 March 2022	Exchange of views on addressing and preventing intolerance, discrimination and hate crimes throughout the OSCE region	Ms Mona Rishmawi , Branch Chief – Rule of Law, Equality and Non Discrimination Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Ms Christie Edwards , Deputy Head of Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, OSCE – Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Ms Isabella Sargsyan , Program Director, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia
16 March 2022	Exchange of views with the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Lyudmila Denisova	Ms Lyudmila Denisova , Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights
16 March 2022	Exchange of views with Eamon Gilmore, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights	Mr Eamon Gilmore , European Union Special Representative for Human Rights
16 March 2022	Hearing: The human rights and trade nexus in the context of non-self-governing and occupied territories <i>(Jointly with the Committee on International Trade)</i>	Mr François Dubuisson , Professor of International Law, Centre de droit international de l'ULB (Université Libre de Bruxelles) Mr Hugh Lovatt , Senior policy fellow with the Middle East and North Africa Programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations Ms Eva Kassoti , Senior Researcher in EU and International Law at TMC Asser Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands Mr Gilles Devers , Lawyer specialised in international law
3 March 2022	Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of human rights in Mexico and in particular, the situation of journalists	In camera
3 March 2022	Exchange of views with Guillermo Fariñas	Mr Guillermo Fariñas , Cuban dissident and 2010 Sakharov Prize laureate

3 March 2022	Exchange of views on the state of democratic space and civil society in Russia	<p>Mr Markus Ederer, Head of European Union Delegation to the Russian Federation</p> <p>Mr Luc Pierre Devigne, Deputy Managing Director, for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)</p> <p>Mr Dmitri Muratov, Editor, Novaja Gazeta, 2021 Nobel Prize Winner</p> <p>Mr Andrei Kolesnikov, Senior Fellow and Chair, Russian Domestic Politics and Political Institutions, Carnegie Moscow Center</p> <p>Ms Damelya Aitkhozhina, Researcher, Moscow Office, Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Mr Denis Volkov, Director of the Levada Center in Moscow</p>
7 February 2022	Exchange of views on the influence operations of Azerbaijan in the European political sphere and attacks on Azerbaijani human rights defenders in Europe <i>(Jointly with the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation)</i>	<p>Mr John Dalhuisen, Senior Fellow, European Stability Initiative (ESI)</p> <p>Mr Arif Mammadov, Co-Chair, Democracy for Azerbaijan Movement (AND), and former Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the EU and the Council of Europe</p> <p>Mr Mahammad Mirzali, Dissident and video blogger</p> <p>Ms Jeanne Cavalier, Head of Eastern Europe and Central Asia Desk, Reporters Without Borders</p>
7 February 2022	Presentation of the ILO and UNICEF joint report on "Child Labour: Global estimates 2020, trends and the road forward"	<p>Mr Michaëlle De Cock, Head of Research and Evaluation Unit, Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch, Governance and Tripartism Department, International Labour Organization (ILO)</p> <p>Ms Claudia Cappa, Senior adviser, Statistics, Child protection and development, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)</p> <p>Mr Marco Dubbelt, Global March Against Child Labour</p>
2 February 2022	The European Parliament's Afghan Women's Days Workshop: Connecting Afghan women activists in exile	<p>Ms Horia Mosadiq, Sakharov Prize finalist 2021, human rights activist working in exile</p>

		<p>Ms Mary Akrami, Sakharov Prize finalist 2021, Head of Afghan Women's Network</p> <p>Ms Stella Ronner-Grubicic, EEAS Ambassador for Gender and Diversity</p> <p>Ms Lailuma Sadid, Network of Afghan Diaspora Organisations in Europe (NADOE)</p> <p>Ms Manizha Naderi, Human rights activist</p> <p>Ms Sajia Behgam Amin, Scholar (Afghan online exile university) and women's rights activist</p> <p>Ms Tayeba Parsa, Afghan judge</p>
1 February 2022	The European Parliament's Afghan Women's Days Conference: Protecting human rights in the humanitarian crisis - Focus on selling girls, food security, internal displacements, access to healthcare, and humanitarian aid	<p>Commissioner Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management</p> <p>Ms Shaharзад Akbar, Sakharov Prize finalist 2021, Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC)</p> <p>Ms Ute Klamert, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme</p> <p>Ms Setara Hassan, EpSus foundation to prevent Afghan families from selling their daughters for food</p> <p>Ms Hoda Khamosh, Activist</p>
1 February 2022	The European Parliament's Afghan Women's Days High-level Conference on Afghan Women	<p>Ms Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament</p> <p>Ms Angelina Jolie, UNHCR Special Envoy</p> <p>Ms Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament</p> <p>Dr Sima Samar, Sakharov Prize finalist 2021, Human rights advocate, former Minister of Women's Affairs and former Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission</p> <p>Ms Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General</p> <p>Ms Aryana Sayeed, Afghan singer and songwriter</p>
27 January 2022	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Libya and the fundamental rights of migrants: presentation of the OHCHR report: Unsafe and Undignified: The forced expulsion of migrants	<p>Mr Benjamin Lewis, Human Rights Officer, Migration Unit, UN Human Right Office</p> <p>Ms Suki Nagra, Director, Human Rights, Transitional Justice and Rule of Law Service, United Nations Support Mission</p>

	in Libya, and presentation of the report of the Independent Fact-Finding Mission in Libya (FFM)	in Libya (UNSMIL), and representative of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to Libya Mr Ian Urbina , Investigative journalist
27 January 2022	Exchange of views on the situation of human and labour rights in Sri Lanka	Ms Simrin Singh , Director of the International Labour Organisation's Country Office in Sri Lanka Ms Ambika Satkunanathan , Human rights lawyer and former Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka
26 January 2022	Exchange of views with Ramy Shaath, human rights activist	Mr Ramy Shaath , Human rights activist
26 January 2022	Exchange of views on the recent developments in the area of fundamental rights and the rule of law in Hong Kong	Ms Sharon Hom , Executive Director, Human Rights in China Mr Nathan Law , Activist and former legislative Councilor Ms Ai-Men Lau , Communications Officer, Macdonald-Laurier Institute
26 January 2022	Presentation of the Eurojust Genocide Network Report – Prosecution of sanctions (restrictive measures) violations in national jurisdictions: a comparative analysis	Mr Matevž Pezdirc , Genocide Network Coordinator, Eurojust Ms Tinatin Tsertsvadze , Policy Analyst, Open Society European Policy Institute (OSEPI) Mr Oliver Windridge , Senior Advisor for the United Kingdom, The Sentry

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10 December 2021	Exchange of views on corporate sustainability reporting	Mr Richard Gardiner , Senior Campaigner on Corporate Accountability, Global Witness (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Claire Methven O'Brien , Strategic Adviser on Business and Human Rights, The Danish Institute for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>)
10 December 2021	Exchange of views on a generalized scheme of tariff preferences	Mr Radboud Reijn , Coordinator, GSP Platform (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Lorand Bartels , Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge and Counsel, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (<i>remotely</i>)

		<p>Mr Guillaume Van der Loo, Research Fellow, Egmont Institute and the European Policy Centre (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Judith Kirton-Darling, Deputy Secretary-General, IndustriAll (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
6 December 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of human rights in Kazakhstan human rights and follow-up of the EU-Kazakhstan Human Rights Dialogue of 2 December 2021 (<i>In association with the Delegation to the Central Asian States</i>)</p>	<p>In Camera - first part</p>
6 December 2021	<p>Workshop on the Femicide as a global human rights concern: from recognition to action (<i>In association with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</i>)</p>	<p>Ms Consuelo Corradi, Professor of Sociology, University of Rome (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Tamsin Bradley, Professor in International Development Studies, University of Portsmouth (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Norma Librada Ledezma Ortega, Founder of Justicia Para Nuestras Hijas (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Mpiwa Mangwiro, Regional Campaigns and Advocacy Specialist, Sonke Gender Justice (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
30 November 2021	<p>3rd meeting of the Platform on the fight against impunity in Belarus with a special focus on possible accountability actions (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus and the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly</i>)</p>	<p>Ms Mariana Katzarova, Coordinator, Examination of the human rights situation in Belarus, OHCHR (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Kate Vigneswaran, Senior Prosecutor, International Accountability Platform for Belarus (IAPB) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Max du Plessis, Associate Professor of Law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and Senior Research Associate at the International Crimes in Africa Programme at the Institute for Security Studies (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Kai Ambos, professor of law at Göttingen University (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Nick Grief, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Kent (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Eugenia Andreyuk, Human rights adviser, OMCT (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

		Ms Alina Stefanovic , member of the Belarusian Association of Journalists (BAJ) wife of a detained Viasna leader (<i>remotely</i>)
29 November 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Cambodia and follow-up of the urgency resolution on the mass trials against the opposition and civil society in Cambodia (2021/2579(RSP)) of 11 March 2021	In Camera
29 November 2021	Exchange of views on the situation of Palestinian NGOs	Ms Sarah Francis , Director of Addameer (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Michael Sfard , Human rights lawyer (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Micheal Lynk , UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Neal Mac Call (Head of Division for Israel, Occupied Palestinian Territories and Middle East Peace Process, EEAS) Mr Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff (Head of EU Office to West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA)
29 November 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights developments in Nicaragua and in particular, the situation of human rights defenders and the way forward in the post-electoral context (<i>In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America</i>)	Mr Cesar Dubois , Husband of Suyen Barahona, political prisoner in Nicaragua (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Olga Sabrina Valle López , Urnas Abiertas (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Haydee Castillo , Representative of Nicaragüenses en el mundo (NEM) (<i>remotely</i>)
29 November 2021	Exchange of views on allegations of organ harvesting in China and related human rights violations	Mr Geoffrey Nice , Human rights lawyer and Chair of the China Tribunal (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Martin Elliot , Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery and member of the China Tribunal (<i>remotely</i>)

15 November 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the state of Turkey's judicial system and respect for fundamental rights in law and in practice <i>(In association with the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee)</i></p>	<p>Mr Philippe Dam, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Raşhan Bataray Saman, Lawyer and vice-chair of the Human Rights Association of Turkey (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Luca Perilli, Judge and former expert for the Council of Europe in Turkey (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Johan Vande Lanotte, Senior Legal Counsel and former State Minister</p>
15 November 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Burundi <i>(In association with the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly)</i></p>	<p>Mr Germain Rukuki, Human rights defender Mr Thijs Van Laer, Researcher, The Burundi Human Rights Initiative</p>
15 November 2021	<p>Exchange of views with UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ilze Brands Kehris on the human rights situation in Mali and the broader Sahel region following her visit to Mali on 1-6 November 2021</p>	<p>In Camera</p>
15 November 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Sudan in the field of democracy and human rights</p>	<p>Ms Tahani Abbass Ali, Sudanese women's human rights defender and founder of the Biyut Rahima Initiative (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Magdi El Na'im, Secretary-General, Sudan Human Rights Monitor (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Jonas Horner, Deputy Director for the Horn of Africa, International Crisis Group, (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Jean-Marc Pisani, Head of Division, European External Action Service, Horn of Africa, East Africa</p>
28 October 2021	<p>Workshop "Envisioning International Justice: what role for the International Criminal Court (ICC)?"</p>	<p>Ms Olympia Bekou, Professor of Public International Law, Head of School, School of Law, University of Nottingham (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Triestino Mariniello, Associate Professor, Liverpool John Moores University, currently Senior Research Fellow at the Humboldt University of Berlin (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

		<p>Ms Yvonne McDermott Rees, Professor of Legal Studies, Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law, Swansea University (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Alison Smith, Director for International Justice, No Peace Without Justice (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Rodney Dixon, QC, Lawyer, Temple Garden Chambers, London/The Hague (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Mamtimin Ala, Writer and human rights activist (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
27 October 2021	<p>Debriefing of the first EU-Saudi Arabia human rights dialogue organised on 28 September 2021 and follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 8 July on the death penalty in Saudi Arabia notably the cases of Mustafa Hashem al-Darwish and Abdullah al-Howaiti</p>	<p>In Camera</p>
27 October 2021	<p>Exchange of views on detention conditions and treatment of human rights defenders in Egypt and follow up to the European Parliament resolution of 18 December 2020 on the deteriorating situation of human rights in Egypt, in particular the case of the activists of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (<i>In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries</i>)</p>	<p>Ms Mona Seif, Egyptian human rights defender and sister of Alaa Abdel Fattah, one of the leaders of the 2011 revolution (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Halim Heneish, Lawyer, Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms (ECRF) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Ahmed Mefreh, Executive Director, Committee for Justice (CFJ) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Alessandra Ballerini, Human rights lawyer (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Claudio and Ms Paola Regeni, Parents of Giulio Regeni, an Italian graduate student who was killed in Egypt in 2016 (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

27 October 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the follow up to the European Parliament resolution of 26 November 2020 on the deteriorating situation of human rights in Algeria, in particular the case of journalist Khaled Drareni</p> <p><i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries)</i></p>	In Camera
27 October 2021	<p>Exchange of views on access to water as a human right - the external dimension</p>	<p>Ms Naho Mirumachi, Reader in Environmental Politics, King's College London <i>(remotely)</i></p> <p>Mr Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, OHCHR <i>(remotely)</i></p> <p>Ms Tseguereda Abraham, Head of Advocacy and Sector Strengthening, WaterAid Ethiopia <i>(remotely)</i></p> <p>Ms Nathalie Seguin, Coordinator of the Fresh Water Action Network, Mexico <i>(remotely)</i></p>
27 September 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of fundamental freedoms and the rule of law in Tunisia</p> <p><i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries)</i></p>	In Camera
9 September 2021	<p>Presentation of a briefing on 'Corruption and human rights in third countries: developments in EU external action since 2017'</p>	<p>Ms Rosana Garcíandia, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) <i>(remotely)</i></p> <p>Mr Malcolm Dort, Senior Legal Officer, Anticorruption, Open Society Justice Initiative <i>(remotely)</i></p>
9 September 2021	<p>Working Group on the thematic programme on Human Rights and</p>	In Camera

	Democracy of Global Europe	
6 September 2021	Exchange of views on the latest developments in the field of human rights in Palestine <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Palestine)</i>	Mr Omar Shakir , Israel and Palestine Director, Human Rights Watch (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Cathrine Abu Amsha , Legal researcher and advocacy officer, Al-Haq (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Hani Masri , Director General of Masarat, Palestinian Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies (<i>remotely</i>)
6 September 2021	Exchange of views on women's and girls' rights in Afghanistan <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and in association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i>	Mr Andreas von Brandt , Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation to Afghanistan (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Shahrazad Akbar , Chairperson, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Guissou Jahangiri , Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Sahraa Karimi , Afghan film director, President of the Afghan Film Organisation (AFO) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Chiara Adamo , acting Director for "Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace", Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission (<i>remotely</i>)
6 September 2021	Exchange of views on the latest developments in the field of human rights in Cuba <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America)</i>	Mr Reinaldo Escobar , Journalist, Editor-in-chief of 14ymedio (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Laritsa Diversent , Lawyer, Director of CUBALEX (a non-profit association defending democracy and the rule of law in Cuba) (<i>remotely</i>)
6 September 2021	Exchange of views on how best to mitigate the COVID-19 Pandemic on education for children in the world <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Development)</i>	Mr Robert Jenkins , Global Director of Education, UNICEF (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Annica Floren , Deputy Head of Unit for Youth, Education and Culture, DG International Partnerships, European Commission

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Mr David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament (*video message*)

Ms Veronica Gomez, Global Campus of Human Rights President (*remotely*)

Ms Claudelice Santos, Brazil, Sakharov Prize finalist 2019 (*remotely*)

Mr Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice (*video message*)

Mr Radu Mares, Associate Professor, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University (*remotely*)

Mr Thomas Ossowski, German PSC Ambassador (*remotely*)

Mr James Gomme, Director of People and Society, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (*remotely*)

Ms Gaëlle Dusepulchre, Permanent Representative to the EU, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) (*remotely*)

Mr Steven Donziger, Human rights lawyer (*remotely*)

Ms Elżbieta Karska, Professor of Law and Vice-Chair of UN Working Group on human rights and transnational corporations (*remotely*)

Dr **Denis Mukwege**, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient 2018 and Sakharov Prize Laureate 2014 (*remotely*)

Mr Lorent Saleh, Venezuela Sakharov Prize Laureate 2017 (*remotely*)

Ms Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Ms Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships (*video message*)

Ms Anja Mihr, DAAD Associate Professor at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (*remotely*)

Mr Jorge Enrique Taiana, Director General of Global Campus Latin America and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (*remotely*)

Ms Lotte Leicht, EU Director at Human Rights Watch (*remotely*)

		<p>Ms Hiba Ismael Alhamed, Member of the Coalition of Families of Persons Kidnapped by ISIS (Massar) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Niccolò Figa-Talamanca, Secretary-General of No Peace Without Justice (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Jewher Ilham, Uyghur activist and daughter of 2019 Sakharov Prize laureate Ilham Tohti, China (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Gregory Meeks, Congressman, Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, US Congress (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Agnès Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Morten Kjærum, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Marco Peronaci, Italian PSC Ambassador (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Jeremy Gunn, Representative for Global Campus Arab World and Associate Professor at University of Rabat (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Christina Kokkinakis, Austrian PSC Ambassador (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Benedetto Della Vedova, Italian Deputy Minister Foreign Affairs (Human Rights mandate) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Stefano Sannino, Secretary-General of the European External Action Service (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
13 July 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Chad	<p>Mr Kurt Cornelis, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Chad (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Veronica Cody (Head of Division for Central Africa, EEAS) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Flaminia Minelli, Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Head of the OHCHR Country Office in Chad (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Max Loalngar, President of the "Ligue tchadienne des Droits de l'Homme" (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
13 July 2021	Follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 26 November 2020 on	In Camera

	<p>the deteriorating situation of human rights in Algeria, in particular the case of journalist Khaled Drareni <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Maghreb countries)</i></p>	
12 July 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the fight against impunity in Yemen <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula)</i></p>	<p>Mr Kamel Jendoubi, Chairperson, Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen, UNHRC <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Radhya Al-Mutawakel, Human rights defender and Yemeni co-founder and chairperson of Mwatana Organisation For Human Rights <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Gabriel Munuera Vinals, Head of Division for MENA.4 – Arabian Peninsula and Iraq, EEAS <i>(remotely)</i></p>
12 July 2021	<p>Second meeting of the Platform on the fight against impunity in Belarus with a special focus on the protection of journalists <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus and the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly)</i></p>	<p>Ms Irene Khan, UN Special Representative on the promotion and protection of freedom of opinion and expression <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE representative on Freedom of the Media (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Antoine Bernard, Director of Advocacy and Strategic Litigation, Reporters sans frontières (Reporters without Borders) <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Matevz Pezdirc, Head of the Genocide Network Secretariat, Eurojust <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Adam Michnick, Editor-in-Chief of Gazeta Wyborcza <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Natalia Belikova, Board Member, Belarus in Focus <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Stanislau Ivashkevich, Freelance journalist, Belsat <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Daria Losik, Wife of detained blogger Ihar Losik <i>(remotely)</i></p>
12 July 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the recent human rights developments in Lebanon <i>(In association with the Delegation for</i></p>	<p>Mr Karim Emile Bitar, Professor of International Relations at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) and lecturer in Geopolitics, Diplomacy and Middle East Studies at Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS-Lyon) <i>(remotely)</i></p>

	<i>relations with the Mashreq countries)</i>	Ms Rachel Karam , investigative reporter (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Jad Ghosn , investigative reporter(<i>remotely</i>)
12 July 2021	Follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 8 October 2020 on the 'Foreign Agents' Law in Nicaragua (<i>In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America</i>)	Ms Ligia Gómez , Doctor in Legal and Business Sciences, University of Córdoba, Spain, and member of and spokesperson for the citizens network "Urnas Abiertas" (Open Ballot Boxes) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Berta Valle , wife of imprisoned presidential candidate Felix Maradiaga (<i>remotely</i>)
17 June 2021	Follow-up to the EU-Azerbaijan Human Rights Dialogue of April 2021	In Camera
17 June 2021	Exchange of views on corruption and human rights in the context of the recommendation on the matter	Ms Susan Hawley , Executive Director of Spotlight on Corruption (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Bjorn Janson , Deputy Executive Secretary of GRECO (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Laure Brillaud , Senior Policy Officer - Anti-Money Laundering, Transparency International (<i>remotely</i>)
17 June 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights dimension of the new European Union's Integrated Strategy in the Sahel	Ms Rita Laranjinha , Managing Director for Africa, EEAS (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Drissa Traoré , Coordinator at the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) and the Malian Association of Human Rights (AMDH) (<i>remotely</i>)
16 June 2021	Presentation of the study " Digital technologies as means of repression and social control" (<i>Jointly with the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the EU, including Disinformation</i>)	Ms Dorota Glowacka , Legal Officer, Panoptikon Foundation (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Richard Youngs , Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe, and Professor of International Relations, University of Warwick (<i>remotely</i>)

16 June 2021	<p>Exchange of views on women's rights and women's participation in the reconstruction process of Afghanistan <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan)</i></p>	<p>Ms Shaharзад Akbar, Chairperson, Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Sima Samar, Human rights advocate, former Minister of Women's Affairs, and former Chair of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Fawzia Koofi, Member of Parliament (Wolesi Jirga) and member of the Afghan Peace Negotiation Team <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Metra Mehran, Young social entrepreneur and co-founder of the Feminine Perspectives Movement <i>(remotely)</i></p>
16 June 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Myanmar <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations)</i></p>	<p>Mr Tom Andrews, UN Special rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Ben Hardman, EarthRights International <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Maung Moe, Journalist <i>(remotely)</i></p>
16 June 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the recent human rights developments in Colombia following the European Parliament resolution of 29 April on the fifth anniversary of the Peace Agreement in Colombia <i>(In association with the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly and the Delegation for relations with countries of the Andean Community)</i></p>	<p>Ms Adriana Mejia Hernández, Vice Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Colombia <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Veronique Lorenzo, Head of Division for South America, EEAS <i>(remotely)</i> Mr José Miguel Vivanco, Executive Director, Americas Division, Human Rights Watch <i>(remotely)</i></p>
25 May 2021	<p>The persecution of minorities on the grounds of belief or</p>	<p>Mr Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues Ms Androulla Kaminara, Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the EU to Pakistan</p>

	religion – consideration of the draft report	Mr Ralph Tarraf , Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the EU to Lebanon Mr Ketil Karlsen , Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the EU to Nigeria
25 May 2021	Workshop on Large Sporting Events: Human Rights as a Game Changer? <i>(In association with the Committee on Culture and Education)</i>	Ms Daniela Heerdt , Researcher, Tilburg Law School, and independent consultant in the field of sports and human rights (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Hans Erik Næss , Associate Professor of Sport Management, Department of Leadership and Organization, Kristiania University College, Oslo (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Niels Nygaard , Acting President, European Olympic Committees (OEC) (<i>remotely</i>)
25 May 2021	Debriefing on the EU- India Human Rights Dialogue 12 April 2021, by Ugo Astuto, EU Ambassador to India, with the participation of a local human rights organisation	In Camera
25 May 2021	Opening meeting of the EU-U.S. Strategic Inter-parliamentary Consultation on Human Rights with the U.S. Helsinki Commission	Senator Cardin , Chair, U.S. Helsinki Commission (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Gregory Meeks , Chair, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Gwen Moore , U.S. Helsinki Commission and House Democracy (<i>remotely</i>)
14 April 2021	Exchange of views on the future EU strategy towards China in the light of the recent retaliation of sanctions <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China)</i>	In Camera
14 April 2021	Exchange of views (on Russia) with Sergei Guriev, Professor of	Mr Sergei Guriev , Professor of Economics at Sciences Po, Paris (<i>remotely</i>)

	<p>Economics at Sciences Po, Paris <i>(In association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee)</i></p>	
14 April 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the implementation of the recommendations of the UN Global Study on Children deprived of liberty</p>	<p>Mr Manfred Novak, Author of the UN Global Study on Children deprived of liberty and Secretary General of Global Campus of Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Belinda Plattner, Child and adolescent psychiatrist (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Manu Krishan, Global Campus of Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Kirsten Di Martino, UNICEF Senior Advisor Child Protection (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
14 April 2021	<p>Exchange of views on accountability of State officials for international crimes <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)</i></p>	<p>Mr Vaios Koutroulis, Professor of Public International Law, International Law Centre, Faculty of Law, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Claus Kreß, Professor and Director, Institute of International Peace and Security Law, University of Cologne (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Chantal Meloni, Senior Legal Advisor, International Crimes and Accountability, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights e.V. (ECCHR) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
14 April 2021	<p>Exchange of views on state policies of Memory, Truth, and Justice in Argentina</p>	<p>Mr Remo Gerardo Carlotto, Special Representative for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, Argentina (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Alejandra Naftal, Executive Director, ESMA Museum and Site of Memory (former clandestine centre of detention, torture, and extermination) (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Pablo Grinspun, Ambassador of the Republic of Argentina to the EU (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
26 March 2021	<p>Launch of a platform of coordination with international and regional experts, from OSCE, Council of Europe and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights/UN</p>	<p>In Camera</p>

	<p>Special rapporteurs, working on human rights violations committed by Belarus, together with Belarus' human rights organisations, and key EC and EEAS players <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs In association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus and with the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly)</i></p>	
23 March 2021	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights and democratisation dimension of the Joint Communication on the Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood. A new agenda for the Mediterranean <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries)</i></p>	<p>Mr Driss El Yasami, President of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Rawan Damen, Director General of Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism (ARIJ), filmmaker and media consultant <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Rima Tarabay, Environmental expert, President of Ecotown in Mediterranean and Vice President of the Lebanese NGO "Bahr Loubnan" <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Anis Saïdi, Expert in education and youth transition to work <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Nisreen Amer, President, Jurist Without Chains (JWC) <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Shaimaa Aboul Kheir, Advocacy officer, Committee for Justice (CFJ) <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Malek Zaghdoudi, Active Member of the Manich n'semah movement <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Vincent Forest, Advocacy Director, EuroMed Network for Human Rights <i>(remotely)</i></p>
23 March 2021	<p>Side event to the EU-UN Syria Brussels Conference 2021: Syria's uprising, 10 years on - Why is fighting impunity a top priority for victims of</p>	<p>Ms Heba Suweid de Taafi, Representative of the five victims associations <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Hanny Megally, Commissioner, UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Sipan Jumma, Project Manager, Syrian Observatory for Human Rights <i>(remotely)</i></p>

	grave human rights violations in Syria? <i>In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries</i>	Ms Maria al-Abdeh , Executive Director, Women Now For Development (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Mazen Darwish , Human rights lawyer and General Director of Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Bassam Alahmad , Executive Director of Syrians for Truth and Justice (<i>remotely</i>)
16 March 2021	Exchange of views with Eamon Gilmore , EU Special Representative for Human Rights	Mr Eamon Gilmore , EU Special Representative for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>)
16 March 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia including the case of Jamal Khashoggi <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula)</i>	Mr Rachid Mesli , Secretary General, Alkarama (a Geneva-based non-governmental human rights organisation established in 2004) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Julia Legner , Director for Advocacy, ALQST For Human Rights (an independent NGO established in 2014) (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Abdullah Alaoudh , Senior Fellow, Georgetown University (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Rodney Dixon , Human rights barrister leading the legal team seeking accountability for the murder of Jamal Khashoggi (<i>remotely</i>)
16 March 2021	Exchange of views with the UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi in the presence of Mr Doudou Diène, President, and Ms Françoise Hampson, Commissioner <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Development)</i>	Mr Doudou Diène , President, UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Françoise Hampson , Commissioner, UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi (<i>remotely</i>)
16 March 2021	Exchange of views with Walter Stevens, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the UN in Geneva, and Silvio Gonzato, Ambassador, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, on	Mr Silvio Gonzato , Ambassador, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Walter Stevens , Ambassador, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva (<i>remotely</i>)

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25 February 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Nigeria and follow up to the European Parliament's resolution of 16 January 2020 on Nigeria, notably the recent terrorist attacks	<p>Ms Abosede George-Ogan, Director of Strategy, Funding and Stakeholder management, Lagos State Employment Trust Fund, and co-founder of ElectHer (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Isa Sanusi, Media manager, Amnesty International Nigeria Office (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Akintunde Babatunde, Programme Manager, Natural Resource and Extractives Programme, Premium Times Centre for Investigative Journalism (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Chidi Anselm Odinkalu, Senior team manager, Africa Program, Open Society Foundations, and former Chair of the Governing Council of Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Dapo Olorunyomi, Publisher, Premium Times (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
25 February 2021	Exchange of views with Professor Cui, Director and Researcher of Department for European Studies, China Institute of International Studies	Mr Cui Hongjian , Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Department of European Studies, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) (<i>remotely</i>)
25 February 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Bangladesh and a follow-up to European Parliament resolution of 15 November 2018 on the human rights situation in Bangladesh (In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia)	<p>Mr Shahidul Alam, Photo journalist (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Meenakshi Ganguly, South Asia Director, Human Rights Watch (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Rensje Teerink, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh, EEAS (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
25 February 2021	Exchange of views on the human rights dimension of the EU-	Ms Sharon Hom , Executive Director, Human Rights in China, Adjunct Professor of Law, New York University School of Law, and

	China Comprehensive Investment Agreement	Professor of Law Emerita, City University of New York School of Law (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Judith Kirton Darling , Deputy General Secretary, industriAll European Trade Union (<i>remotely</i>)
25 February 2021	Presentation of the Front Line Defenders Global Analysis 2020 report and information on Amnesty International's situation in India	Ms Claire Ivers , Head of the EU office, Front Line Defenders (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Rajat Khosla , Senior Director of Research, Advocacy and Policy, Amnesty International (<i>remotely</i>)
5 February 2021	Exchange of views on the recent human rights developments in Russia (<i>In association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee</i>)	Ms Sacha Koulaeva , Lecturer in Human Rights, Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po, and former Director of the Eastern Europe Bureau in FIDH (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Denis Shedov , Lawyer and analyst at OVD-Info (an independent media project on human rights and political persecutions in Russia) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Audrone Perkauskiene , Head of Division for Russia, EEAS (<i>remotely</i>)
28 January 2021	Exchange of views on the recent developments related to the legally binding treaty on business and human rights	Ms Claire Methven O'Brien , Strategic Adviser on Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Guus Houttuin , Senior Adviser on Trade Issues, EEAS (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Carlos López Hurtado , Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists (<i>remotely</i>)
28 January 2021	Exchange of views on the Philippines , in the follow-up to the EP resolution 2020/2782(RSP) from 17 September 2020 and ahead of the first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Good Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights established under the EU-Philippines	In camera

	Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA)	
28 January 2021	Exchange of views on the loss of value of democracy and growing authoritarianism	Ms Donatella Della Porta , Professor of Political Science and Dean of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Yascha Mounk , Associate Professor of International Affairs, Johns Hopkins University, and Senior Fellow at the German Marshall Fund (<i>remotely</i>)
27 January 2021	Exchange of views on the new EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs</i>)	Ms Clara Portela , Senior Associate Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Rob Berschinski , Senior Vice President of Policy, Human Rights First (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Tinatin Tsertsvadze , Policy Analyst, Open Society European Policy Institute (<i>remotely</i>)
27 January 2021	Exchange of views on the situation of human rights and transitional justice in the context of the peace agreement in Colombia	Mr Eduardo Cifuentes Muñoz , President, Special Jurisdiction for Peace (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Luz Marina Monzón , Director, Special Unit for the Search of Missing Persons, Colombia (<i>remotely</i>) Father Francesco de Roux , President, Truth, Coexistence, and Non-Repetition Commission, Colombia (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Sebastián Escobar Uribe , Lawyer, Colectivo de Abogados Alvear Restrepo (CCAJAR), Colombia (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Emilio Archilla , Presidential Advisor for Stabilization and Consolidation, Colombia (<i>remotely</i>)

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11 December 2020	Presentation on the new EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs</i>)	Mr Stefano Sannino , Secretary General, EEAS (<i>remotely</i>)
11 December 2020	Exchange of views on combating impunity with presentation of	Mr Gianfranco Dell'Alba , Board member, Association against Impunity and for Transitional Justice (<i>remotely</i>)

	<p>the study "State of play of existing instruments for combating impunity and international crimes"</p>	<p>Ms Orsola Casagrande, Journalist and co-author of the report "The State of Impunity in the World in 2020, the virus against rights" (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Olympia Bekou, Professor of Public International Law, School of Law, University of Nottingham (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
1 December 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the 3rd Report of the United Nations Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen entitled "A Pandemic of Impunity in a Tortured Land" (<i>In association with the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula</i>)</p>	<p>Mr Kamel Jendoubi (Tunisia), Chair of the UN Group of Eminent Experts (UN GEE) on Yemen, former Tunisian Minister for Human Rights and Civil Society (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Melissa Parke (Australia), Member of the UN GEE, former Australian Federal Member of Parliament and former Australian Minister for International Development (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Ardi Imseis (Canada), Member of the UN GEE, Associate Academic Director, International Law Programs; Queens University (Toronto) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
1 December 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the international efforts to investigate human rights abuses and seek justice for victims in Belarus following the presidential elections of 9 August 2020 in Belarus (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus and the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly</i>)</p>	<p>Mr Wolfgang Benedek, Rapporteur for OSCE's Report under the Moscow Mechanism on Alleged Human Rights Violations related to the presidential elections of 9 August in Belarus (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Anaïs Marin, UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Belarus (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Eugenia Andervuk, Human rights lawyer, expert at the International Committee on Investigation of Torture, expert at the Anti-Discrimination Centre Memorial (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
16 November 2020	<p>Exchange of views on recent human rights developments in Algeria (<i>In association with the Delegation for</i></p>	<p>In camera</p>

	<i>relations with Maghreb countries)</i>	
16 November 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Palestine <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Palestine)</i></p>	<p>Mr Michael Lynk, UN special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967 <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Hagai El-Ad, B'Tselem Executive Director <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Maha Abdallah, International Advocacy Officer, Cairo Institute for Human rights studies <i>(remotely)</i></p>
16 November 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Nicaragua <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America)</i></p>	<p>Ms Mónica Baltodano, President of Popol Na Foundation for Municipal Promotion and Development <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Alvaro Leiva Sánchez, Lawyer and Human Rights defender, Asociación Nicaragüense Pro-Derechos Humanos (ANPDH) <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Vilma Núñez, President of the Nicaraguan Centre for Human Rights (CENIDH) <i>(remotely)</i></p>
28 October 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the new documentary film NASRIN, about Sakharov Prize 2012 laureate Nasrin Sotoudeh, with the participation of film director Jeff Kaufman and Reza Kahndan, husband of Nasrin Sotoudeh <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Iran)</i></p>	<p>Mr Jeff Kaufmann, director of the documentary film 'Nasrin' <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Marcia Ross, Film producer <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Reza Khandan, Iranian activist and husband of the jailed Iranian human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Mansoureh Shojaee, Initiator of a one million signature campaign and comrade of Nasrin Sotoudeh <i>(remotely)</i></p>
28 October 2020	<p>Exchange of views with prominent women human rights activists <i>(In association with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality)</i></p>	<p>Ms Bochra Belhaj Hmida, Women's rights activist, lawyer and former parliamentarian, Tunisia <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Maria Ressa, Journalist and author, Philippines <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Ismat Raza Shahjahan, President of Women Democratic Front, Pakistan <i>(remotely)</i></p>
28 October 2020	<p>Exchange of views on women's rights and</p>	<p>Ms Maïmouna Doucouré, film director and screenwriter <i>(remotely)</i></p>

	<p>sexual and reproductive rights (<i>In association with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality</i>)</p>	<p>Ms Claire Pierson, Lecturer in Gender Policies, University of Liverpool (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
28 October 2020	<p>Exchange of views with Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Minister of External Relations and Human Mobility of Ecuador, Chair of the Open-ended UN intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (<i>In association with the delegation for relations with the Andean Community</i>)</p>	<p>Mr Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Minister of External Relations and Human Mobility of Ecuador (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
16 October 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the fight against impunity in Belarus following the presidential elections of 9 August 2020 (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and the Delegation for relations with Belarus</i>)</p>	<p>Mr Ales Bialiatski, Director, Human Rights Centre "Viasna" (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Harry Pahaniaila, Head of the Legal Commission of the Belarusian Helsinki Committee (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Vaïos Koutroulis, Professor of Public International Law, International Law Centre, Faculty of International Law, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Eugenia Andreyuk, Human rights lawyer, expert of the International Committee on Investigation of Torture and expert at Anti-Discrimination Centre Memorial (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Vrej Atabekian, Human rights officer, Europe and Central Asia Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Chairman, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
15 October 2020	<p>Presentation of the Global Monitor of Covid-19's Impact on</p>	<p>Ms Chiara Adamo, DG DEVCO, European Commission (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

	Democracy and Human Rights	<p>Ms Elisenda Balleste Buxo, Programme Manager, "Global Monitor of Covid-19's Impact on Democracy and Human Rights", International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Annika Silva-Leander, Head of Democracy Assessment & Political Analysis, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
28 September 2020	Video screening about the project SANGTERRA	Ms Yesha Ramos , Executive Director of the environmental group Peace and Development Group (<i>remotely</i>)
28 September 2020	Exchange of views on the EU- Afghanistan Joint Way Forward on migration issues (JMF) (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, in association with the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan</i>)	<p>Ms Johannes Luchner, Director Strategy and General Affairs, DG HOME, European Commission</p> <p>Ms Reshad Jalali, Policy Officer, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
22 September 2020	Exchange of views on racial equity, equality and justice with the goal of reinforcing US-EU parliamentary coordination to combat racism and systemic discrimination (<i>Joint meeting organised by the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, in association with the Delegation for relations with the US (D-US), with the United States Congress and United</i>	<p>Ms Gwen Moore, Congresswoman (Dem-Wisconsin), Commissioner, US Helsinki commission, US House of Representatives (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Sheila Jackson Lee, Congresswoman (Dem-Texas), US Senate Judiciary Committee (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Kristen Clarke, President and executive director of Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Pap Ndiaye, Professor, Sciences Po Paris, historian and specialist on the United States (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Hilary Shelton, Director to the NAACP's Washington Bureau / Senior Vice President for Advocacy and Policy (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Jim Costa, Congressman, US Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue Chair (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

	<i>States Helsinki Commission)</i>	<p>Ms Sylvia Garcia, Congresswoman, US Senate Judiciary Committee (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Dina Titus, Congresswoman, House Foreign Affairs Europe Subcommittee (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Gregory Meeks, Congressman (Dem-New York), US House Foreign Affairs Committee, US House of Representatives (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Ted Deutch, Congressman, US House Foreign Affairs Europe Subcommittee (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Keenan Keller, Senior Counsel, US House Judiciary Committee, U.S. House of Representatives (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Ben Cardin, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's first Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
7 September 2020	Corporate due diligence and corporate accountability	<p>Mr Théo Jaekel, Legal Counsel – Human Rights Expert, Ericsson (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Jean-François Rial, CEO of Voyageurs du Monde, Matthias Narr, Ethos, member of the Alliance of Investors for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Adrian Zenz, anthropologist and senior fellow in China studies (via video message)</p>
7 September 2020	Exchange of views on the human rights situation Belarus following the presidential elections of 9 August (<i>In association with the Delegation for relations with Belarus</i>)	<p>Mr Ales Bialiatski, Chair of the Human Rights Centre 'Viasna' (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Alexander Yarashuk, President of the Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Danila Lavretski, Coordinator of the Youth block and member of Belarusian Students' Association (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Anton Trafimovich, Journalist at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Belarus service (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
31 August 2020	Exchange of views with Dr Denis Mukwege, Nobel Peace Prize laureate 2018 and Sakharov Prize laureate 2014	<p>Mr Denis Mukwege, Nobel Peace Prize laureate 2018 and Sakharov Prize laureate 2014 (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

31 August 2020	Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the DRC	<p>Mr Abdoul Aziz Thioye, Director, United Nations Joint Human Rights Office (UNJHRO), Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights DRC, MONUSCO-Headquarter, Kinshasa-DRC (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Jean Claude Mputu, Spokesperson of the campaign "Le Congo n'est pas à vendre" (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
7 July 2020	Exchange of views on emergency response measures in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and respect for human rights	<p>Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Humberto Prado, Presidential Commissioner for Human Rights and Attention to Victims, Venezuela (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Valiantsin Stefanovic, Vice-President of the Human Rights Centre Viasna, Belarus (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Eugene Nindorera, Director of Human Rights, UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), and Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in South Sudan (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
3 July 2020	Exchange of views on human rights protection and the EU external migration policy	<p>Ms Violeta Moreno-Lax, Reader of Migration Law at Queen Mary University of London (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Madeline Garlick, Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section, Division of International Protection, UNHCR (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Omer Shatz, Lawyer (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Juan Branco, Doctor in law (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
3 July 2020	Exchange of views on the effects of climate change on human rights and the role of environmental defenders on this matter	<p>Ms Lolita Chavez, Member of the Council of K'iche Peoples for the Defense of Life, Mother Nature, Land and Territory (CPK) of the Quiché people (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Ms Annalisa Savaresi, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Law, University of Stirling (<i>remotely</i>)</p> <p>Mr Benjamin Schachter, Human Rights Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
26 June 2020	Exchange of views: "Children of Al-Hol: why the protection of	<p>Mr Fabrizio Carboni, Regional Director, Northern Africa Middle East, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

	<p>Children's rights matters?" (In association with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)</p>	<p>Ms Amani Ballour, Syrian paediatrician (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Sonia Khush, Syria Response Director, Save the Children (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Geert Cappelaere, Special advisor and former Regional Director, UNICEF (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Bernard De Vos, General Delegate for Children's Rights, Federation Wallonia-Brussels (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Sharon Riggle, Chief of Staff of the UN Secretary General Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (<i>via video message</i>)</p>
22 June 2020	<p>Presentation of the "Study on due diligence requirements through the supply chain" and of briefings on "Human Rights Due Diligence Legislation - Options for the EU" and Exchange of views on human rights due diligence legislation (Jointly with the Committee on Legal Affairs and in association with the Committee on International Trade)</p>	<p>Ms Salla Saastamoinen, Acting Director General, Director for Civil and Commercial Justice, Directorate-General Justice and Consumers, European Commission (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Markus Krajewski, Professor in Public Law and Public International Law, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Claire Methven O'Brien, Chief Adviser on Business and Human Rights, Danish Institute for Human Rights (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Steven Donziger, Human rights lawyer (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Maria van der Heijden, Director, MVO Nederland (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
5 June 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the use of digital surveillance in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Changrok Soh, Director of International Human Rights Center, Korea University (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action Against Crime, Directorate General for Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Gaelle Desepulchre, Representative to the EU, Federation Internationale pour les Droits Humanis (FIDH) (<i>remotely</i>)</p>
5 June 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in the United States after the death of George Floyd</p>	<p>Mr Gay J. McDougall, Leitner Center for International Law and Justice and Center for Race, Law and Justice, Fordham University School of Law (<i>remotely</i>)</p>

		Mr Pap Ndiaye , Sciences Po Paris, historian and specialist in the United States <i>(remotely)</i>
29 May 2020	Exchange of views with Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC)	Ms Fatou Bensouda , Prosecutor, International Criminal Court (ICC) <i>(remotely)</i>
11 May 2020	Exchange of views on human rights impacts and policy responses in places of detention in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic	Mr Malcolm Evans , Chair of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Françoise Tulkens , Former Judge and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Richard Ratcliffe , husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, British-Iranian citizen detained in Iran <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Philippe Dam , Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch <i>(remotely)</i> Mr Gerald Staberock , Secretary General, OMCT (Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture) <i>(remotely)</i>
20 April 2020 ³	Exchange of views with Josep Borrell, Vice-President of the European Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, on the Joint Communication and the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy for 2020-2024 <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs)</i>	Mr Josep Borrell , Vice-President of the European Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy <i>(remotely)</i>
18 February 2020	Exchange of views with 2005 Sakharov Prize laureate Elena Larrinaga de Luis on behalf of the Ladies in	Ms Elena Larrinaga de Luis , 2005 Sakharov Prize laureate, Damas de Blanco Mr Alejandro González Raga , Executive Director of "Observatorio Cubano de Derechos Humanos"

³ From April 2020 to December 2021, all the meetings were held with remote speakers due to COVID-19 measures.

	<p>White (“Damas de Blanco”) and Alejandro González Raga, Executive Director of “Observatorio Cubano de Derechos Humanos”</p>	<p>Ms Heidi Villuendas Ortega, Embassy of Cuba</p>
18 February 2020	<p>Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Turkey (with special focus on the situation of academia, lawyers and journalists)</p>	<p>Mr Ihsan Cibelik, Member of the music group Yorum Ms Sibylle Gioe, Lawyer of the bar of Liège, member of the Association of Progressive Lawyers (ÇHD) of Turkey and observer of a trial against lawyers in Turkey Mr Erol Önderoglu, Correspondent for the human rights organisation Reporters Without Borders in Turkey and editor of Bianet (<i>remotely</i>) Mr Nevzat Uslu, Cardiologist, Former Dean of the Medical Faculty, Sifa University, Izmir, Turkey</p>
18 February 2020	<p>In camera: Exchange of views on the state of play for a new global human rights sanctions regime</p>	<p>In Camera</p>
18 February 2020	<p>Hearing: Authoritarianism and shrinking space for freedom of expression, press freedom and human rights defenders, with case studies on China, Egypt and Russia</p>	<p>Mr Clément Nyaletsossi Voule, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association Mr Jianli Yang, Founder and President, Initiatives for China/Citizen Power – on China (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Sarah Brooks, Brussels Liaison and Human Rights Advocate, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) – on China Mr Jussi Lassila, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute for international Affairs – on Russia (<i>remotely</i>) Ms Galina Arapova, Director and senior media lawyer of the NGO Mass Media Defence Centre in Russia – on Russia</p>
17 February 2020	<p>Presentation of a study: Biodiversity as a human right and its implications for EU external actions</p>	<p>Ms Elisa Morgera, Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK</p>

17 February 2020	Exchange of views with Yehuda Shaul, co-founder of Breaking the Silence	Mr Yehuda Shaul , Co-founder of Breaking the Silence
17 February 2020	Hearing: Respect for minorities, beliefs and religions	Mr Erin Wilson , Associate Professor of Global Politics and Religion, Vice Dean and Director of Education, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, Netherlands Mr Muhammad Nuruddeen Lemu , Director of Research and Training, Da'wah Institute of Nigeria, Islamic Education Trust, Minna, Nigeria Ms Marcela Szymanski , Editor-in-Chief, Report "Religious Freedom in the World", and Head of the EU Office and Advocacy, Aid to the Church in Need - ACN International
10 February 2020	Exchange of views with Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, President of the European Court of Human Rights	Mr Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos , President of the European Court of Human Rights
23 January 2020	Exchange of views on the EU visa policy for Human Rights Defenders	Ms Jennifer Gaspar , Director for Special Programmes, the CEELI Institute, Prague Ms Arzu Geybulla , Journalist Ms Elisabeth Dyvik , Programme Director, International Cities of Refuge Network (ICORN) and a representative of the EU Temporary Relocation Mechanism
23 January 2020	Exchange of views on the 3rd EU action plan on human rights and democracy	Ms Lotte Knudsen , Managing Director, Global - Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues, EEAS Ms Chiara Adamo , Head Of Unit, DG DEVCO, European Commission Ms Gaelle Dusepulche , Federation Internationale pour les Droits Humanis (FIDH), on behalf of Human Rights Democracy Network (HRDN)
22 January 2020	Exchange of views with Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights	Eamon Gilmore , EU Special Representative for Human Rights
22 January 2020	Exchange of views on the situation in Myanmar	Mr Nicholas Koumjian , Head of the United Nations Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (<i>remotely</i>)

	<i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))</i>	Ms Yasmin Ullah , Free Rohingya Coalition (FRC) <i>(via Skype)</i>
22 January 2020	Exchange of views on the situation in Tunisia <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Maghreb countries)</i>	Mr Kamel Jendoubi , Honorary Chairman of EuroMed Rights, first President of the Independent Higher Authority for the elections and former Minister for relations with Constitutional Institutions and Civil Society Mr Ouided Bouchamaoui , Co-laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize 2015 and former President of the Tunisian Confederacy of Industry, Trade and Handicrafts (UTICA)
22 January 2020	Exchange of views on recent human rights developments in Chile	Mr Claudio Nash , International Human Rights Law Department, University of Santiago, Chile <i>(remotely)</i> Ms Patricia Parga-Vega , Human Rights Committee Despierta
22 January 2020	In camera: Exchange of views on the situation in Iran <i>(In association with the Delegation for relations with Iran)</i>	In Camera
22 January 2020	Exchange of views with Veronica Escobar, U.S. Congresswoman, in view of the upcoming DROI visit to El Paso and Washington D.C. <i>(In association with the Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee)</i>	Ms Veronica Escobar , U.S. Congresswoman <i>(remotely)</i>
22 January 2020	Exchange of views on with Members of the Venezuelan Parliament <i>(In association with the Delegation for</i>	Miguel Pizarro , Member of the National Assembly of Venezuela and Commissioner for the United Nations <i>(remotely)</i>

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3 December 2019	Exchange of views with Joan Carling, indigenous rights defender and specialist on Sustainable Development Goals	Mr Joan Carling , Indigenous rights defender
3 December 2019	Exchange of views with Omar Shakir, Human Rights Watch Director for Israel and Palestine	Mr Omar Shakir , Human Rights Watch Director for Israel and Palestine
3 December 2019	Exchange of views with Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) on advancing prevention, protection and solutions for internally displaced persons (IDPs) (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Development</i>)	Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary , United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs)
3 December 2019	Exchange of views with Agnes Callamard, Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner	Ms Agnes Callamard , Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

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3 December 2019	Exchange of views on the situation in Egypt	In Camera
2 December 2019	Exchange of views with Joshua Wong, Secretary-General and co-founder of the Demosisto party, Hong Kong <i>(In association with the Delegation for Relations with China)</i>	Mr Joshua Wong , Secretary-General and co-founder of the Demosisto party, Hong Kong <i>(via video link)</i>
2 December 2019	Exchange of views with Claudelice Silva dos Santos, 2019 Sakharov Prize finalist and Carolina de Moura Campos, journalist and activist, Associação Jangada, Brumadinho, on Brazil with a special focus on environment and human rights	In Camera
2 December 2019	Debriefing on the 8th High Level EU-Brazil human rights dialogue of 9 October 2019	In Camera
25 November 2019	Exchange of views with 2018 Sakharov Prize laureate Oleg Sentsov <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Development and the Committee on Foreign Affairs)</i>	Mr Oleg Sentsov , 2018 Sakharov Prize laureate
21 November 2019	Exchange of views on the situation of migrants in Libya <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and the Delegation for relations with Maghreb countries)</i>	Ms Christine Grau , Head of Division "Migration and Human Security", European External Action Service (EEAS) Mr Maciej Popowski , Deputy Director-General, DG NEAR, European Commission Ms Imogen Sudbery , Director of Policy and Advocacy Europe/Head of IRC Brussels, International Rescue Committee (IRC) Ms Anabelle Roig Granjon , Senior External Relations Officer, Global Issues Unit,

		<p>Regional Representation for EU Affairs, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)</p> <p>Ms Ola Henrikson, the Regional Director for the EEA, EU and NATO, International Office for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>Ms Ellen Van Der Velden, senior operational advisor on Libya, former Head of Mission in Libya, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)</p>
21 November 2019	<p>Exchange of views with Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under Secretary-General for Peace Operations, United Nations <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence)</i></p>	<p>Mr Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under Secretary-General for Peace Operations, United Nations</p>
20 November 2019	<p>High Level Conference on the Rights of the Child</p>	<p>Her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians, Guest of Honour</p> <p>Mr David Maria Sassoli, President of the European Parliament</p> <p>Ms Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality</p> <p>Akhrat (20 years old), Youth Ambassador, Defence for Children</p> <p>Michael O'Flaherty, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</p> <p>Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights</p> <p>Raina (16 years old), Petitioner of optional Protocol 3 to the CRC, Student Climate Activist</p> <p>Sioda (14 years old), Member of Children's Council</p> <p>Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Eurochild, Former President of Malta</p> <p>Ms Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ghana, first country in the world to ratify the CRC</p> <p>Maria (14 years old), World Vision Young Leader from Uganda</p> <p>Ms Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director</p> <p>Bereket (16 years old), SOS Children Villages Young Leader, from Ethiopia</p>

		<p>Ms Velina Todorova, Vice-Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Ms Ewa Kopacz, Vice-President and EP coordinator on Children's rights</p>
12 November 2019	<p>Follow-up to urgency resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Situation at the USA-Mexico border (July 2019) - Russia, notably the situation of environmental activists and Ukrainian political prisoners (July 2019) 	In Camera
12 November 2019	<p>Exchange of views with Daniel Endres, UNHCR Director for the Global Refugee Forum (<i>Jointly with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and the Committee on Development</i>)</p>	Mr Daniel Endres , UNHCR Director for the Global Refugee Forum
12 November 2019	<p>Exchange of views on the recent developments in Lebanon</p>	<p>Mr Karim El Mufti, Political scientist and Associate Professor of Law and Political Science and Director of the Legal Clinic of Human Rights at La Sagesse University</p> <p>Mr George Ghali, Executive Director of the NGO ALEF-AGIR pour les droits de l'homme (<i>via Skype</i>)</p>
12 November 2019	<p>Exchange of views on current processes in relation to business and human rights (<i>Jointly with the Committee on International Trade and the Committee on Development</i>)</p>	Denise Auclair , Senior Adviser, Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE)
11 November 2019	<p>Exchange of views with women defending environmental, land and indigenous peoples' rights in</p>	<p>Ms Francesca Nugnes, European representative of the Colombia project, Peace Brigades International</p> <p>Ms Sandra Calel, Representative of Maya Poqomam from Guatemala, and member of</p>

	Latin America (Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico)	the Union Verapacense Organizaciones Campesinas (UVOC) Ms Nora Ramírez , Representative of the National Union of Rural Workers (CNTC) – an organisation based in Honduras Ms Olga Araújo , Member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Social Research and Action (NOMADESC) in Colombia Ms Mar Saiz Avendaño , Peace Brigades International, on behalf of Ms Emilie de Wolf, Member of Consorcio Oaxaca – an organisation based in Mexico that specialises in gender-based violence
11 November 2019	Exchange of views on the human rights and humanitarian situation in north-eastern Syria <i>(Jointly with the Committee on Development)</i>	Mr Raphaël Leburjah , French investigative journalist, author of "Comprendre le Rojava dans la guerre civile syrienne" (via skype) Ms Nazira Goreya , Co-President of Executive Council of Jazeera Region Democratic Self-Administration, representative of the Syriac Community in north-eastern Syria Mr Marc Pierini , Visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe and former Head of the EU delegation to Syria and Turkey
11 November 2019	Exchange of views with Ali Bin Samikh Al Marri, President of Qatar National Human Rights Committee	Ali Bin Samikh Al Marri , President of Qatar National Human Rights Committee
8 October 2019	Exchange of views with Sakharov Prize winners Salih Osman (Sudan) and Lorent Saleh (Venezuela)	Mr Salih Osman , Sudanese human rights lawyer, Sakharov Prize Laureate 2007 Mr Lorent Saleh , Venezuelan human rights activist, Sakharov Prize Laureate 2017
26 September 2019	Exchange of views with NGOs on Vietnam	Mr Vu Quoc Dung , Executive Director, VETO! Human Rights Defenders' Network e.V, Mr Jaku Hon , Representative of the Vietnamese NGO VOICE Ms Gaelle Desepulchre , FIDH, European Office
26 September 2019	Exchange of views on the human rights aspects of the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement and Investment	In Camera

	Protection Agreement in the framework of the Monitoring Group of Article 21 of TEU ("Group 21")	
25 September 2019	Presentation of the "Normandy Index" measuring threats to peace and security	Mr Etienne Bassot , Director of the Research Service for Members at the EPRS
25 September 2019	Exchange of views with Front Line Defenders and Protectdefenders.eu in the presence of two human rights defenders	Ms Emma Achilli , Head of European Office, Front Line Defenders Ms Yolanda Perez Cruz , wife of Pablo López Alavéz, Mexican environmental activist and indigenous leader Mr Sadorbek Abdulkhalilov , lawyer of Azimjan Askarov (Kyrgyzstan) Ms Laura Battistin , Head of Secretariat of ProtectDefenders.eu
25 September 2019	Exchange of views with the European External Action Service (EEAS) on the forthcoming EU-Brazil high level dialogue on human rights	In Camera
25 September 2019	Exchange of views on the situation in Algeria	In Camera
9 September 2019	Exchange of views with Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights	Mr Eamon Gilmore , EU Special Representative for Human Rights
9 September 2019	Exchange of views on the situation in Hong Kong	In Camera

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<p><u>Briefing:</u> 'Human rights clauses in EU agreements with third countries: Exploring new mechanisms and best practices'</p> <p><u>Briefing:</u> 'Enhancing the effectiveness of human rights clauses in EU agreements with third countries? The cases of Ethiopia, Tunisia and Vietnam'</p>	<p>Clair GAMAGE, Professor and Head of School, University of Exeter, United Kingdom</p> <p>Narin IDRIZ, Senior researcher and co-leader of the Global Europe project, T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Netherlands</p>	Workshop on 14 February 2024
<p><u>Study:</u> Enhancing the protection of human rights defenders and facilitating access to the EU and supporting HRDs from third countries</p>	<p>Professor Elspeth GUILD, Professor of Law, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Dr Niovi VAVOULA, Senior Lecturer in Migration and Security, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom</p> <p>Vasiliki APATZIDOU, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom</p>	19 March 2024
<p><u>In-Depth Analysis:</u> Artificial intelligence (AI) and human rights: Using AI as a weapon of repression and its impact on human rights</p>	<p>H. Akin ÜNVER, Associate Professor, Özyeğin University, Turkey</p>	

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<p><u>Briefing:</u> How do authoritarian governments make use of elections and electoral processes to increase their legitimacy?</p> <p><u>Briefing:</u> How can the EU and its partners respond to the use of elections as legitimisation strategies by authoritarian regimes?</p>	<p>Thomas DEMMELHUBER, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany</p> <p>Richard YOUNGS, Senior Fellow, Democracy, Conflict and Governance Programme, Carnegie Europe</p>	Workshop on 25 January 2023
<p><u>In-depth analysis:</u> The opposition of models and narratives in the field of human rights</p>	<p>Prof. Rosa FREEDMAN, Director, Global Development Division, University of Reading, UK</p>	25 April 2023

<u>Briefing</u> : Commission Proposal for a Regulation on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market: The issue of remedies	Claire METHVEN O'BRIEN , Reader, School of Law, University of Dundee, UK, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark Amy WEATHERBURN , Chargée de Recherches FRS-FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	24 April 2023
<u>In-Depth Analysis</u> : The assessment of the implementation of the human rights clause of international and sectorial agreements	Prof. Roland BARTELS , Professor of International Law, University of Cambridge, UK	22 May 2023
<u>Briefing</u> : Strengthening the democratic clause in EU Agreements and instruments: exploring election conditionality	Armin RABITSCH , Democracy and Election Expert, Election-Watch.EU, Austria	9 October 2023
<u>Briefing</u> : Russia's forcible transfers of unaccompanied Ukrainian children: responses from Ukraine, the EU and beyond	Dr. Andreas UMLAND , Analyst, Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies, Swedish Institute of International Affairs	13 November 2023
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<u>In-depth analysis</u> : The Commission proposal on reforming the Generalised Scheme of Tariff Preferences: analysis of human rights incentives and conditionalities	Guillaume VAN DER LOO , Research Fellow at Egmont Institute and the European Policy Centre and Visiting Professor at Ghent University, Belgium	
<u>Study</u> : External policy tools to address modern slavery and forced labour	Dr. Katarina SCHWARZ , University of Nottingham, UK Dr. Ergul CELIKSOY , University of Nottingham, UK Joanna SMETEK , Ecorys Ewelina WOLOSİK , Ecorys, Poland Katarzyna LUBIANIEK , Ecorys, Poland Agnieszka MAKULEC , Ecorys, Poland Prof. Todd LANDMAN , University of Nottingham, UK	16 March 2022
<u>In-Depth Analysis</u> : Commission proposal on corporate sustainability	Claire METHVEN O'BRIEN , Senior Researcher, The Danish Institute for	21 April 2022

due diligence: analysis from a human rights perspective	Human Rights, Denmark, and Lecturer, University of Dundee, UK Olga MARTIN-ORTEGA , Professor of International Law, University of Greenwich, UK	
<u>In-Depth Analysis</u> : Safety of journalists and media freedom: trends in non-EU countries from a human rights perspective	Dr Tamsin MITCHELL , Independent researcher and consultant, UK	15 June 2022
<u>Briefing</u> : Safety of journalists and media freedom: trends in non-EU countries from a human rights perspective	Jackie HARRISON , Professor of Public Communication, Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM), University of Sheffield, UK Sara TORSNER , Postdoctoral Research Associate, Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM), University of Sheffield, UK	26 October 2022
<u>EPRS Study</u> : EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders: European Implementation Assessment	Dr Richard YOUNGS , Senior Fellow, Democracy, Conflict and Governance Programme, Carnegie Europe Isabelle Ioannides , Policy Analyst, Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value, EPRS, European Parliament	5 September 2022
<u>Expert briefing</u> : Towards an international anti-corruption court?	Prof. Dr. Cedric RYNGAERT , Professor of Public International Law at Utrecht University, The Netherlands	20 March 2023
<u>In-depth analysis</u> : Tribunal for the crime of aggression against Ukraine	Prof. Vaios KOUTROULIS , Professor of Public International Law, Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculty of Law and Criminology, International Law Centre, Belgium Prof. Olivier CORTEN , Professor of Public International Law, Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculty of Law and Criminology, International Law Centre, Belgium	28 November 2022

Studies published in 2021

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI
<u>Study</u> : The impact of disinformation on democratic processes and human rights in the world	Carne COLOMINA , Research Fellow, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Spain	

	Héctor SANCHEZ MARGALEF , Researcher, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Spain Richard YOUNGS , Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels, Belgium	
<u>Study</u> : Digital technologies as means of repression and social control	Dorota GLOWACKA , Lawyer, Panoptykon Foundation, Poland Prof. Richard YOUNGS , Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels, Belgium, and Professor of International Relations, University of Warwick, UK	16 June 2021
<u>Briefing</u> : Legal responsibilities for promoting human rights and preventing human rights abuses in relation to large sporting events	Daniela HEERDT , Researcher, Tilburg Law School, independent consultant in the field of sport and human rights	Workshop on 25 May 2021
<u>Briefing</u> : Sport, sustainability and human rights: an integrated approach	Hans Erik NÆSS , Associate Professor in Sport Management, Department of Leadership and Organization, Kristiania University College Oslo, Norway	Workshop on 25 May 2021
<u>In-depth analysis</u> : The Human Right to Drinking Water: Impact of large- scale agriculture and industry	Dr. Naho MIRUMACHI , Reader (Associate Professor) in Environmental Politics, King's College London, UK Dr Aleksandra DUDA , Independent Consultant, Poland Dr. Jagoda GREGULSKA , Central European University, Poland Joanna Smetek , Senior Consultant, Ecorys, Poland	27 October 2021
<u>Briefing</u> : Corruption and human rights in third countries: developments in EU external action since 2017	Dr. Rosana GARCIANDIA , Research Fellow in Labour Exploitation and Human Rights, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), UK	9 September 2021
<u>Briefing</u> : The role of the ICC since its foundation and possible scenarios for the future: political support and cooperation by states	Olympia BEKOU , Professor of Public International Law, School of Law, University of Nottingham, UK	Workshop on 28 October 2021
<u>Briefing</u> : The role of the ICC since its foundation and possible scenarios for the future: case selection and prioritisation	Triestino MARINELLO , Reader of Law, Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom, and Senior Fellow, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany Yvonne MCDERMOTT , Professor of Law, Swansea University, UK	Workshop on 28 October 2021

<u>Briefing</u> : Femicide, its causes and recent trends: What do we know?	Consuelo CORRADI , Professor of Sociology, LUMSA University, Italy	Workshop on 6 December 2021
<u>Briefing</u> : Femicide, Preventing, protecting access to justice: How can States respond?	Tamsin BRADLEY , Professor, University of Portsmouth, UK	Workshop on 6 December 2021

Studies published in 2020

Title	Author	Presentation in DROI
<u>Study</u> : Biodiversity as a human right and its implications for EU external actions	Prof. Elisa MORGERA , Professor of Global Environmental Law, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK	17 February 2020
<u>In-depth analysis</u> : Discriminatory Laws Undermining Womens' Rights	Paul DALTON , Senior Consultant, Nordic Consulting Group, Denmark Deniz DEVRIM , OECD Observatory of Civic Space, France Roland BLOMEYER , Director and Senior Researcher and Evaluator, Blomeyer & Sanz, Spain Senni MUT-TRACY , Research Assistant, University of Helsinki, Finland	
<u>In-depth analysis</u> : Challenges for environmental and indigenous peoples' rights in the Amazon region	Dr. Julian BURGER , Visiting Professor at the University of Essex, UK	
<u>Briefing</u> : Substantive elements of potential legislation on human rights due diligence	Prof. Dr. Markus KRAJEWSKI , Chair of Public Law and International Law, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany Beata FARACIK , President of the Board, Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business, Poland	22 June 2020
<u>Briefing</u> : Human rights due diligence legislation - options for the EU	Prof. Dr. Markus KRAJEWSKI , Chair of Public Law and International Law, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany Beata FARACIK , President of the Board, Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business, Poland	22 June 2020

<p><u>Briefing</u>: EU human rights due diligence legislation: Monitoring, enforcement and access to justice for victims</p>	<p>Claire METHVEN O'BRIEN, Chief Adviser Human Rights and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Denmark Olga MARTIN-ORTEGA, Professor, University of Greenwich, UK</p>	<p>22 June 2020</p>
<p><u>In-depth analysis</u>: Impact investing in the framework of business and human rights</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Barbara SCHECK, European Center for Social Finance, Germany Dr. Wolfgang SPIESS-KNAFL, European Center for Social Finance, Germany</p>	
<p><u>Study</u>: State of play of existing instruments for combating impunity and international crimes</p>	<p>Prof. Olympia BEKOU, Professor of Public International Law, School of Law, University of Nottingham, UK</p>	<p>11 December 2020</p>
<p><u>In-depth analysis</u>: EU External Migration Policy and the Protection of Human Rights</p>	<p>Dr. Violeta MORENO-LAX, Reader (Associate Professor) in Law, Queen Mary University of London, UK</p>	<p>3 July 2020</p>

Delegations 2019 – 2024

Date	Destination	Participants
AFRICA		
17 – 20 December 2023	Addis Ababa and the Tigray region, Ethiopia	Isabel Wiseler-Lima , (Head of delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Evin Incir , <i>EPP</i> , Spain Jordi Sole , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Spain Ryszard Czarnecki , <i>ECR</i> , Poland
22–24 May 2022	Tunis, Tunisia	Maria Arena , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Belgium Michael Gahler , <i>EPP</i> , Germany Andrea Cozzolino , <i>S&D</i> , Italy Karol Karski , <i>ECR</i> , Poland Jaak Madison , <i>ID</i> , Estonia
ASIA		
4 – 6 April 2023	Hanoi, Vietnam	Udo Bullmann , (Head of delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Germany Gheorghe-Vlad Nistor , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Leopoldo López Gil , <i>EPP</i> , Spain Isabel Santos , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal Nacho Sánchez Amor , <i>S&D</i> , Spain Urmas Paet , <i>Renew</i> , Estonia
22 – 24 February 2023	Manila, The Philippines	Hannah Neumann , (Head of delegation), <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Germany; Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Karsten Lucke , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Ryszard Czarnecki , <i>ECR</i> , Poland Miguel Urban Crespo , <i>The Left</i> , Spain
19 – 21 September 2022	Islamabad, Pakistan	Maria Arena , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Belgium Peter Van Dalen , <i>EPP</i> , The Netherlands Petras Auštrevičius , <i>Renew</i> , Lithuania
21 – 25 August 2022	Nur Sultan and Almaty, Kazakhstan	Christian Sagartz , (Head of delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Austria Nacho Sánchez Amor , <i>S&D</i> , Spain Ryszard Czarnecki , <i>ECR</i> , Poland Silvia Sardone , <i>ID</i> , Italy
EUROPE AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES		
22 – 23 October 2023	Chernihiv and Kyiv, Ukraine	Udo Bullmann , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Germany

		Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Deirdre Clune , <i>EPP</i> , Ireland Isabel Santos , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal Viola von Cramon - Taubadel , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Germany Karol Karski , <i>ECR</i> , Poland
22-24 February 2022	Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey	Maria Arena , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Belgium Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Gheorghe-Vlad Nistor , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Nacho Sánchez Amor , <i>S&D</i> , Spain Dietmar Köster , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Katalin Cseh , <i>Renew</i> , Hungary Tineke Strik , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , The Netherlands

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19 - 21 December 2022	Colombia	DROI MEPs Leopoldo López Gil , (Head of Delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Spain María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos , <i>Renew</i> , Spain Ana Miranda Paz , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Spain DEVE MEP Mónica Silvana González González , <i>S&D</i> , Spain INTA MEP Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez , <i>EPP</i> , Spain
24 - 28 February 2020	El Paso, Texas, and Washington D.C., USA, and Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico	Maria Arena , (Head of delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Belgium Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Ivan Štefanec , <i>EPP</i> , Slovakia Gheorghe-Vlad Nistor , <i>EPP</i> , Romania Isabel Santos , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal Dietmar Köster , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Tineke Strik , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , The Netherlands Susanna Ceccardi , <i>ID</i> , Italy

THE MIDDLE EAST

18 - 22 June 2023	Tel Aviv, Israel, and Ramallah, Palestine	Bernard Guetta , (Head of Delegation), <i>Renew</i> , France Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Peter Van Dalen , <i>EPP</i> , The Netherlands Maria Arena , <i>S&D</i> , Belgium María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos , <i>Renew</i> , Spain Jordi Sole , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , Spain
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2 - 5 March 2024	Cairo, Egypt, Rafah and Ramallah, Palestine and Jerusalem, Israel	Udo Bullmann , <i>S&D</i> , Germany (DROI Chair)
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND FORA		
13 - 15 December 2023	UN Global Refugee Forum, Geneva, Switzerland	DROI MEP Dietmar Köster , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Germany DEVE MEPs Janina Ochojska , <i>EPP</i> , Poland Antoni Comín Oliveres , <i>NI</i> , Spain N.B. Marc Angel , Vice-President, <i>S&D</i> (Luxembourg) represented President Metsola
26 - 28 April 2023	UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland	Udo Bullmann , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Germany Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Nacho Sánchez Amor , <i>S&D</i> , Spain Katalin Cseh , <i>Renew</i> , Hungary
30 June 2022	The International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague, The Netherlands	DROI MEPs Maria Arena , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Belgium Stelios Kypouropoulos , <i>EPP</i> , Greece Isabel Santos , <i>S&D</i> , Portugal Petras Auštrevičius , <i>Renew</i> , Lithuania Mounir Satouri , <i>Greens/EFA</i> , France; JURI MEP Adrián Vázquez Lázara , <i>Renew</i> , Spain (JURI Chair) LIBE MEPs Juan Fernando López Aguilar , <i>S&D</i> , Spain (LIBE Chair) Malin Björk , <i>The Left</i> , Sweden
25-26 April 2022	The UN Human Rights Council and other Geneva-based international organisations, Geneva, Switzerland	Maria Arena , (Head of Delegation), <i>S&D</i> , Belgium Isabel Wiseler-Lima , <i>EPP</i> , Luxembourg Maria Noichl , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Dietmar Köster , <i>S&D</i> , Germany Samira Rafaela , <i>Renew</i> , The Netherlands
31 October - 2 November 2021	UN GA, New York, USA	AFET MEPs David McAllister , (Head of delegation), <i>EPP</i> , Germany; Željana Zovko , <i>EPP</i> , Croatia Tonino Picula , <i>S&D</i> , Croatia Urmas Paet , <i>Renew</i> , Estonia

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16 - 18 December 2019	Ad hoc delegation to the Global Refugee Forum, Geneva, Switzerland	<p>LIBE MEPs</p> <p>Juan Fernando López Aguilar, (Head of delegation), <i>S&D</i>, Spain</p> <p>Maria Walsh, <i>EPP</i>, Ireland</p> <p>Damien Carême, <i>Greens/EFA</i>, France</p> <p>Rob Roos, <i>ECR</i>, The Netherlands</p> <p>Malin Björk, <i>The Left</i>, Sweden</p> <p>DEVE MEPs</p> <p>Mónica Silvana González, <i>S&D</i>, Spain</p> <p>Bernhard Zimniok, <i>ID</i>, Germany</p> <p>DROI MEP</p> <p>Irina von Wiese, <i>Renew</i>, UK</p>
27 - 31 October 2019	UN GA, New York, and Washington D.C., USA	<p>AFET MEP</p> <p>David McAllister, (Head of delegation), <i>EPP</i>, Germany</p> <p>Željana Zovko, <i>EPP</i>, Croatia</p> <p>Radosław Sikorski, <i>EPP</i>, Poland</p> <p>Tonino Picula, <i>S&D</i>, Croatia</p> <p>Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, <i>S&D</i>, Poland</p> <p>Javier Nart, <i>Renew</i>, Spain</p> <p>Sergey Lagodinsky, <i>Greens/EFA</i>, Germany</p> <p>Jérôme Rivière, <i>ID</i>, France</p> <p>DROI MEPs</p> <p>Maria Arena, <i>S&D</i>, Belgium (DROI Chair)</p> <p>Isabel Wiseler-Lima, <i>EPP</i>, Luxembourg</p> <p>Isabel Santos, <i>S&D</i>, Portugal</p> <p>Irina von Wiese, <i>Renew</i>, UK</p> <p>SEDE MEP</p> <p>Nathalie Loiseau, <i>Renew</i>, France (SEDE Chair)</p> <p>Arnaud Danjean, <i>EPP</i>, France</p> <p>Kris Peeters, <i>EPP</i>, Belgium</p> <p>Sven Mikser, <i>S&D</i>, Estonia</p> <p>Urmas Paet, <i>Renew</i>, Estonia</p>

The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

The European Parliament's annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought was established in 1988. It is awarded to individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the fight for human rights across the globe. The Sakharov Prize is a way for the European Parliament to draw attention to human rights violations and to support the laureates and their cause.

In the 35 years of the existence of the Sakharov Prize, eight laureates were later awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize, including recently Memorial from Russia, Ales Bialiatski from Belarus and Olexandra Matviichuk from Ukraine.

Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought laureates, 9th parliamentary term

2023 Jina Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran
2022 The Brave People of Ukraine
2021 Alexey Navalny
2020 Democratic Opposition in Belarus
2019 Ilham Tohti



Uyghur scholar **Ilham Tohti** was awarded in 2019 for his peaceful advocacy for the rights of China's Uyghur minority. His daughter received the prize on his behalf, as he is sentenced to life in prison, despite his calls for reconciliation.

The **Democratic Opposition in Belarus**, represented by Ms Sviatlana Tsikanouskaya and nine other persons, received the Prize in 2020 for their courageous fight for human rights and democracy in Belarus.





Alexei Navalny
Russian activist and political prisoner
2021 laureate of European Parliament's
Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

Opposition political activist and anti-corruption campaigner **Alexey Navalny** was awarded in 2021 in recognition of his courageous fight against corruption, for human rights and democracy in Russia. His daughter Yulia Navalnaya and his Chief of Staff Leonid Volkov came to Parliament on his behalf. Navalny died in prison the following year, paying the ultimate price for his fight.

In 2022, the prize went to the **Brave People of Ukraine** represented by their President, elected leaders and civil society, for their heroic resistance to the aggression against their country and their defence of freedom, democracy and European values.



Jina Mahsa Amini and the **Woman, Life, Freedom Movement** in Iran received the Prize in 2023 in acknowledgment of their struggle for freedom and equality for all women in Iran.

The Sakharov Prize Community

In 2008, when the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought celebrated its 20th anniversary, the Sakharov Prize Community was launched as a platform for the human rights activities of the Sakharov Prize laureates and the Members of the European Parliament. It aims at building a culture of human rights, raising awareness on human rights issues in and outside the EU, and supporting human rights defenders around the world through common action. The Sakharov Community grows with every new laureate, but also through a dedicated instrument, which Parliament has put in place to empower human rights defenders. Since 2015, the Sakharov Fellowship Programme has been offering once a year a two-week training for 14 defenders from all over the world to strengthen them in their advocacy. Parliament keeps engaging these defenders as part of the Sakharov Community and involves them in its human rights work.

Urgency resolutions

2019 – 2024

Adopted in plenary	Topic
AFRICA	
April 2024	The proposed repeal of the law banning female genital mutilation in The Gambia
February 2024	Recent attacks on Christmas Eve in Plateau State in Nigeria
January 2024	The threat of famine following the spread of conflict in Sudan
December 2023	The Maasai Communities in Tanzania
November 2023	The unlawful detention of President Mohamed Bazoum in Niger
October 2023	Egypt, in particular the sentencing of Hisham Kassem
June 2023	Humanitarian situation in Sudan, in particular the death of children trapped by fighting
May 2023	Media freedom and freedom of expression in Algeria, the case of journalist Ihsane El-Kadi
April 2023	The risk of death penalty and execution of singer Yahaya Sharif Aminu for blasphemy in Nigeria
March 2023	Tunisia: Recent attacks against freedom of expression and association and trade unions, in particular the case of journalist Noureddine Boutar
February 2023	The situation of human rights defenders in Eswatini, notably the murder of Thulani Maseko
February 2023	Violence against opposition activists in Equatorial Guinea, notably the case of Julio Obama Mefuman
January 2023	Situation of journalists in Morocco, notably the case of Omar Radi
December 2022	Military Junta crackdown on peaceful demonstrations in Chad
November 2022	Forced displacement of people as a result of escalating conflict in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
October 2022	The recent humanitarian and human rights situation in Tigray, Ethiopia, notably that of children

September 2022	Violations of human rights in Uganda and Tanzania linked to the investments in fossil fuels projects
February 2022	Political crisis in Burkina Faso
January 2022	Political crisis in Sudan
November 2021	Situation in Somalia
November 2021	Human rights violations by private military and security companies, particularly the Wagner Group
November 2021	The human rights situation in Cameroon
October 2021	The case of Paul Rusesabagina in Rwanda
September 2021	The situation in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya
June 2021	Breach of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and the use of minors by the Moroccan authorities in the migratory crisis in Ceuta
May 2021	The situation in Chad
March 2021	Situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and the assassination of the Italian ambassador Luca Attanasio and his entourage
February 2021	Political situation in Uganda
February 2021	Rwanda, the case of Paul Rusesabagina
December 2020	The deteriorating situation of human rights in Egypt, in particular the case of the activists of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR)
November 2020	The deteriorating situation of human rights in Algeria, in particular the case of journalist Khaled Drareni
November 2020	Situation in Ethiopia
October 2020	Eritrea, the case of Dawit Isaak
September 2020	The case of Dr Denis Mukwege in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
September 2020	The humanitarian situation in Mozambique
February 2020	The Republic of Guinea, notably violence towards protesters
January 2020	Burundi, notably freedom of expression
January 2020	Nigeria, notably the recent terrorist attacks
December 2019	Violations of human rights including religious freedoms in Burkina Faso
November 2019	The situation of freedoms in Algeria
October 2019	Egypt

October 2019	Situation of LGBTI persons in Uganda
ASIA	
April 2024	The new security law in Hong Kong and the cases of Andy Li and Joseph John
March 2024	On the repressive environment in Afghanistan, including public executions and violence against women
January 2024	The ongoing persecution of Falun Gong in China, notably the case of Mr Ding Yuande
January 2024	Tajikistan: state repression against the independent media
December 2023	The unknown status of Mikalai Statkevich and the recent attacks on Belarusian politicians' and activists' family members
December 2023	The abduction of Tibetan children and forced assimilation practices through Chinese boarding schools in Tibet
October 2023	Human rights situation in Afghanistan, in particular the persecution of former government officials
October 2023	The case of Zarema Musaeva in Chechnya
September 2023	Human rights situation in Bangladesh, notably the case of Odhikar
July 2023	India, the situation in Manipur
July 2023	Crackdown on the media and freedom of expression in Kyrgyzstan
June 2023	Deterioration of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong, notably the case of Jimmy Lai
June 2023	Torture and criminal prosecution of Ukrainian minors Tihiran Ohannisian and Mykyta Khanhanov by the Russian Federation
May 2023	Myanmar, notably the dissolution of democratic political parties
April 2023	The crackdown on the right to education and education rights activists in Afghanistan, including the case of Matiullah Wesa
April 2023	Repression in Russia, in particular the cases of Vladimir Kara-Murza and Aleksei Navalny
March 2023	Cambodia: the case of opposition leader Kem Sokha

February 2023	The recent deterioration of the inhuman imprisonment conditions of Alexey Navalny and other political prisoners in Russia
December 2022	Chinese government crackdown on the peaceful protests across the People's Republic of China
November 2022	The Human rights situation in Afghanistan especially the deterioration of women's rights and attacks against educational institutions
October 2022	The Media freedom crackdown in Myanmar, notably the cases of Htet Htet Khine, Sithu Aung Myint and Nyein Nyein Aye
September 2022	Human rights violations in the context of forced deportation of Ukrainian civilians to and forced adoption of Ukrainian children in Russia
July 2022	The arrest of Cardinal Zen and the trustees of the 612 relief fund in Hong Kong
July 2022	The situation in Tajikistan's Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Province
June 2022	The human rights situation in Xinjiang, including the Xinjiang police files
May 2022	Reports of continued organ harvesting in China
May 2022	The continuous crackdown of political opposition in Cambodia
April 2022	Human rights situation in North Korea, including the persecution of religious minorities
April 2022	Increasing repression in Russia, including the case of Alexey Navalny
March 2022	Myanmar, one year after the coup
February 2022	The recent human rights developments in the Philippines
January 2022	Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong
January 2022	Situation in Kazakhstan
December 2021	Continuous crackdown on civil society and human rights defenders in Russia: the case of human rights organisation Memorial
November 2021	Human rights violations by private military and security companies, particularly the Wagner Group
October 2021	Human rights situation in Myanmar, including the situation of religious and ethnic groups

July 2021	Hong Kong, notably the case of Apple Daily
June 2021	The situation in Sri Lanka, in particular the arrests under the Prevention of Terrorism Act
June 2021	The listing of German NGOs as 'undesirable organisations' by Russia and the detention of Andrei Pivovarov
April 2021	Blasphemy laws in Pakistan, in particular the case of Shagufta Kausar and Shafqat Emmanuel
March 2021	The mass trials against opposition and civil society in Cambodia
February 2021	Human rights situation in Kazakhstan
January 2021	The crackdown on the democratic opposition in Hong Kong
January 2021	Human rights situation in Vietnam, in particular the case of human rights journalists Pham Chi Dung, Nguyen Tuong Thuy and Le Huu Minh Tuan
December 2020	Forced labour and the situation of the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
September 2020	The situation in the Philippines, including the case of Maria Ressa
December 2019	The Russian "Foreign Agents" Law
December 2019	Afghanistan, notably the allegations of sexual abuse of boys in the Logar Province
October 2019	The proposed new Criminal Code of Indonesia
September 2019	Myanmar, notably the situation of the Rohingya
July 2019	Situation in Hong Kong
July 2019	Russia, notably the situation of environmental activists and Ukrainian political prisoners
EUROPE AND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES	
April 2024	Azerbaijan, notably the repression of civil society and the cases of Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu and Ilhamiz Guliyev
February 2024	New wave of mass arrests in Belarus of opposition activists and their family members
December 2023	The unknown status of Mikalai Statkevich and the recent attacks on Belarusian politicians' and activists' family members
November 2023	The killing of Tamaz Ginturi, a Georgian citizen, by Russia's occupying forces in Georgia

September 2023	The case of Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu, imprisoned in Azerbaijan
June 2023	The torture and criminal prosecution of Ukrainian minors Tihran Ohannisian and Mykyta Khanhanov by the Russian Federation
May 2023	Belarus: the inhumane treatment and hospitalisation of prominent opposition leader Viktor Babaryka
January 2023	Humanitarian consequences of the blockade in Nagorno-Karabakh
November 2022	The continuing repression of the democratic opposition and civil society in Belarus
September 2022	Human rights violations in the context of the forced deportation of Ukrainian civilians to and the forced adoption of Ukrainian children in Russia
June 2022	Violations of media freedom and safety of journalists in Georgia
May 2022	The case of Osman Kavala in Turkey
March 2022	Destruction of cultural heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh
December 2021	Forced labour in the Linglong factory and environmental protests in Serbia
May 2021	Prisoners of war in the aftermath of the most recent conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan
January 2021	Human rights situation in Turkey, in particular the case of Selahattin Demirtaş and other prisoners of conscience
November 2020	The continuous violations of human rights in Belarus, in particular the murder of Raman Bandarenka
September 2019	Situation in Turkey, notably the removal of elected mayors
THE AMERICAS	
March 2024	The case of Rocío San Miguel and General Hernández Da Costa, among other political prisoners in Venezuela
September 2023	Guatemala: the situation after the elections, the rule of law and judicial independence
July 2023	The political disqualifications in Venezuela
January 2023	The storming of the Brazilian democratic institutions
October 2022	The situation of human rights in Haiti in particular related to gang violence

September 2022	Nicaragua, in particular the arrest of the bishop Rolando Álvarez
July 2022	The situation of indigenous and environmental defenders in Brazil, including the killing of Dom Philips and Bruno Pereira
June 2022	The instrumentalisation of justice as a repressive tool in Nicaragua
April 2022	The situation of the rule of law and human rights in the Republic of Guatemala
March 2022	The situation of journalists and human rights defenders in Mexico
December 2021	The situation in Cuba, namely the cases of José Daniel Ferrer, Lady in White Aymara Nieto, Maykel Castillo, Luis Robles, Félix Navarro, Luis Manuel Otero, Reverend Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo, Andy Dunier García and Yunior García Aguilera
October 2021	The state law relating to abortion in Texas, USA
September 2021	Government crackdown on protests and citizens in Cuba
May 2021	The situation in Haiti
April 2021	COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America
April 2021	Bolivia and the arrest of former President Jeanine Añez and other officials
October 2020	The 'Foreign Agents' Law in Nicaragua
November 2019	Cuba, the case of Jose Daniel Ferrer
November 2019	Haiti
July 2019	Situation at the USA-Mexican border
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March 2024	The immediate risk of mass starvation in Gaza and the attacks on humanitarian aid deliveries
February 2024	Increased number of executions in Iran, in particular the case of Mohammad Ghobadlou
November 2023	Latest attacks against women and women's rights defenders in Iran, and Iran's arbitrary detention of EU nationals
March 2023	Iran: in particular the poisoning of hundreds of schoolgirls
December 2022	The case of human rights defender Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja in Bahrain

February 2022	The death penalty in Iran
September 2021	The case of human rights defender Ahmed Mansoor in UAE
July 2021	The death penalty in Saudi Arabia, notably the cases of Mustafa Hashem al-Darwish and Abdullah al-Howaiti
July 2021	The case of Ahmadreza Djalali in Iran
March 2021	The human rights situation in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in particular the cases of death row inmates and human rights defenders
December 2020	Iran, in particular the case of 2012 Sakharov Prize Laureate Nasrin Sotoudeh
October 2020	The situation of Ethiopian migrants in detention centres in Saudi Arabia
September 2019	Iran, notably the situation of women's rights defenders and imprisoned EU dual nationals