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ECB SANCTIONS

MARISA MATIAS

PORTUGAL

With its recently acquired mission in the area of banking supervision, the ECB is strengthening its position as the most powerful non-democratic and non-accountable entity in the democratic world. The conflicts of interests involved are immense and the idea that the internal firewall will be sufficient to avoid them is naive, at best. We will continue to oppose this institutional setting that created a peculiar dictator, with ever-growing power, and an apparently endless mandate.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote Wednesday



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MALIN BJÖRK

SWEDEN

With this Oral Question the European Parliament sends yet another strong signal that we want to see an EU legal instrument against violence against women and girls. I hope that the urgency of this issue will push the Commission to finally address this basic human rights issue in a more coherent way and that all the member states rapidly ratify the Istanbul Convention.

Debate: Tuesday



COP 20 LIMA

MERJA KYLLÖNEN

FINLAND

Capitalist logic is to move production to wherever there are the least restrictions. To fight climate change you need to overcome the capitalist, speedy race to the bottom. Global agreement is a must. We know what needs to be done, but take only baby steps. There should be an end to the greed and irresponsibility of multinational companies. We can't just have 'signals' from COP20 in Lima, we need a drastic leap towards ambition and sincere commitments.

Debate: Wednesday; Vote: Wednesday



LAMPEDUSA

CORNELIA ERNST

GERMANY

The situation in the Mediterranean has been deteriorating for years, with migrants drowning at our borders on an almost daily basis. The EU and its member states have been turning a blind eye for much too long. What we need urgently is a holistic approach to the various problems, in particular one that is not only focused on border security but on human rights and migrants' dignity.

Debate: Tuesday



DUEL-USE ITEMS

ANNE-MARIE MINEUR

NETHERLANDS

Certain export items, for instance surveillance technology, can be used in a way that harms human rights. We need to prevent any potentially dangerous material getting into the wrong hands. In order to do that, we need to have efficient export controls on what material leaves the EU, and to whom. It is like Pandora's box: you can't get the products back once they have been sold.

Debate: Monday



DEVELOPMENT 2015

LOLA SANCHEZ

SPAIN

We've managed to include key issues in the text such as universality of the framework, strong focus on inequality, prioritisation of tax justice and domestic resource mobilisation, establishment of legally binding rules for CSR of multinational enterprises, recall on aid quantity and quality commitments, universal access to SRHR and call for a stand-alone goal on gender equality while ensuring the integration of gender mainstreaming across all goals.

Debate: Monday; Vote: Tuesday

PRESIDENT GABI ZIMMER

GERMANY



Juncker is a symbol for a tax arbitrage system in the EU that allows the biggest tax dodgers to profit to the detriment of the population. We will not support the

far-right motion of censure. Instead, we are fighting for European solutions based on solidarity, not on egoism and national interests which led to the current situation. The European population loses €1 trillion a year due to 'legal' tax avoidance and tax evasion while cuts to public services continue. This affair must be investigated by a parliamentary committee of inquiry on taxation in the EU.

Debate: Monday; Vote: Thursday

PALESTINE

GUE/NGL put forward the proposal for a debate and vote on Palestine. We want to see a strong resolution recognising Palestine as a state under international law - based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital - while ensuring the security of Israel.

Debate: Wednesday;

Vote: Thursday

GUE/NGL ACTION

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To mark International Women's Day, GUE/NGL MEPs will stage an action in front of the hemicycle at 14:45 on Tuesday.

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GUE/NGL Press briefing: 14:30 Tuesday; Press Room LOW N-1/201