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Liadh Ni Riada - MFF Resolution

The Commission's long-term budget is a further shift away from a socially-based Europe that promotes peace and economic security. European citizens should be deeply concerned that the Commission wants a Europe that offers less direct funding and more financial instruments. Less support, and more interference. Less solidarity, more military.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday



Neoklis Sylikiotis - Gaza

We condemn Trump's decision to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital and open the U.S embassy there, thus legitimising Israel's apartheid policies against Palestinians and repeal the perspective of the two-state solution and the peace process. We condemn the ongoing massacre of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip who are protesting to demand their basic human rights. The EU must put pressure on Israel to end the use of live fire against unarmed Palestinian protesters, which has claimed dozens of lives and caused thousands of injuries. The international community must place the Palestinian people under its protection.

Debate: Tuesday



Lynn Boylan - GM Maize objection

Once again, we are objecting to the authorisation of a genetically modified crop. It is a flawed procedure - as acknowledged by Juncker - and needs to be renegotiated immediately. Our biodiversity is threatened by GM crops: they have a higher exposure to herbicides and pesticides and this leads to severe soil degradation which our planet cannot afford.

Vote: Wednesday



Miguel Viegas – EU-Norway VAT Agreement

Fraud and the failure to collect VAT result in an estimated annual loss of €168 billion in revenue - €50 billion of which in cross-border fraud alone. VAT fraud involving third-country operators is a particular risk to the telecoms and e-services sectors. Therefore, cooperation with third countries is essential in fighting VAT fraud. But in reality, much more control over capital movement is needed in this fight.

Vote: Tuesday



Luke 'Ming' Flanagan - CAP young farmers

Whilst there are some good aspects to the report, it fails to address the core issue leading to not enough new entrants into agriculture which is the lack of profitability in the sector. The report instead focuses on peripheral issues which, whilst important, will not drive the required change. Ultimately the report represents a lost opportunity to address a critical issue for agriculture.

GUE/NGL Press Briefing: Tuesday 29/05/2018 @ 11.30 EP Press Room LOW N-1/201

Gabi Zimmer – President, GUE/NGL and Rina Ronja Kari on the Posting of Workers Directive

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Helmut Scholz – Protection Against Dumping

Success for the Left in this new anti-dumping instrument! The EU is now the first major player in the world to include social and environmental costs when setting a fair price level for international comparison. After years of negotiation, the Commission can now act against social and environmental dumping in third countries - a core demand for the Left - and also take measures against multinationals. We must now develop the regulatory framework in world trade to prevent labour abuse and environmental degradation.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday



Javier Couso – Libya recommendations

The chaos in Libya is a consequence of the mismanagement by the international community and NATO's criminal military intervention, leading to a failed state and opening the doors to terrorist groups throughout the Sahel. The West must bear responsibilities for Libya's current political, social and humanitarian situation. Military interventions should never be the solution to conflicts.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday



Lola Sanchez - Gender equality and women empowerment

We are very happy to see a report acknowledging the full extent of women rights, especially SRHR – including abortion- and calling on the EU for greater progress on the multi-dimensional nature of gender mainstreaming, for example in trade agreements. We now expect that GAP II will ultimately serve as a genuine prioritising and policy implementation mechanism across the EU's external actions.

Debate: Wednesday; Vote: Thursday



Eleonora Forenza – Gender equality and women empowerment

The Parliament has the responsibility to monitor and report on the state of European policy from a gender perspective. All kinds of discrimination on women is gender-based violence, be it physical violence or a ban on abortion. This Report is further progress on the EU's external action strategy for gender equality and empowerment of women - in pursuit of an equal world.

Debate: Wednesday; Vote: Thursday

