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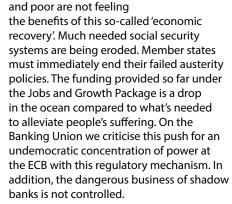
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GABI ZIMMER

GUE/NGL PRESIDENT

We call on the heads of state and government to question critically the Commission's Annual Growth Survey 2014. The millions of unemployed



Debate: Wednesday; Vote: Thursday

ILO CONVENTION

INÊS ZUBER

PORTUGAL

Domestic work is one of the most unprotected and invisible forms of work, bearing in mind its isolated and individual nature. It's



therefore very difficult for domestic workers to organise themselves in representative associations or trade unions which can defend their labour and social rights. The ILO Convention 189 introduces the requirement to protect domestic workers who, often, as women and migrants, find themselves in extremely vulnerable situations, becoming victims of discrimination and many forms of abuse involving severe violations of their human rights.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

JOÃO FERREIRA

PORTUGAL

The new Common Fisheries
Policy insists on a centralised
management but what is needed
is proximity management,
involving communities and
taking into account the huge
diversity that characterises fisheries in the
EU. It ignores the fact that economic, social,
and environmental aspects of fisheries are
closely linked and interrelated. If the aim is to
make fisheries more sustainable, it would be
necessary to adopt a broad package of measures
extending to the environmental, but also to
the social and economic spheres, otherwise the
same path of destruction will be pursued.

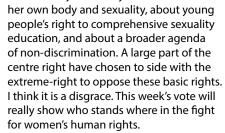
Debate: Monday; Vote: Tuesday

WOMEN'S RIGHTS - ESTRELA

SWEDEN

The vote on the Sexual and reproductive health and rights report is a clear vote for or against a a woman's right to decide freely and safely over

MIKAEL GUSTAFFSON



Vote: Tuesday

EU-CHINA

HELMUT SCHOLZ GERMANY

This agreement became necessary after Bulgaria and Romania joined the European Union in 2007. This accession meant losses for China with regard to tariffs agreed under the WTO. The new agreement is a positive example of a dispute settlement with China that provides the country with adequate compensation.

Vote: Tuesday



THIS WEEK

GUE/NGL PRESS BRIEFING TUES. 14:30

Gabi Zimmer: European Council Jürgen Klute: Payment accounts Inês Zuber: ILO Convention João Ferreira: EU-Morocco Fisheries Press Conference Room LOW N-1/201

ECB REPORT 2012

MARISA MATIAS

PORTUGAL

The ECB 2012 activity report shows that the European institutions have not learned the

lessons from the current crisis.

While it states that the European recession is not mainly linked to a lack of access to credit, it fails to acknowledge that one of the main reasons is, in fact, the collapse of demand due to austerity policies. On the contrary, the report emphasises the need to attach strict conditionality to the OMT programme, confirming that this mechanism is designed to implement Troika policies by other means.

Debate and vote: Thursday

CARS 2020

JACKY HENIN

FRANCE

The automotive industry is suffering in Europe. Statistics show that the

amount of vehicles sold has significantly decreased in recent years: by 6.85% for personal vehicles and by 10.87% for professional ones. To tackle the crisis we need public cooperation in research and development to build a European industry focused on job creation and on finding innovative environmentally friendly solutions. The 'Cars 2020' strategy goes in the opposite direction by only promoting the interests of big business.

Debate: Monday; Vote: Tuesday



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