



**DRAFT AGENDA**

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**“The first Annual Rule of Law Report by  
the Commission and the role of national  
Parliaments”**

**Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 14.15 to 15.45 and 16.45 to 18.40**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

**Room: ANTALL 4Q2**

## Order of business

**14:15 - 14:20**      Introductory remarks by **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament

<p><b>Session I - Exchange of views on the Commission annual Rule of Law report and future steps towards a Mechanism on Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights</b></p>
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**14:20 - 14:30**      **Opening speech**  
**David Maria SASSOLI**, President, European Parliament

**14:30 - 15:00**      **Interventions by**  
**TBC** Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc)  
**Didier REYNDEERS**, Commissioner for Justice (tbc)  
**Michal ŠIMEČKA**, Rapporteur on the report on the Mechanism on Democracy, Rule of law and Fundamental Rights  
**Members of National Parliaments** (tbc)

**15:00 - 15:45**      **Question and Answer Session**

*Break for the interpreters*

**16:45 - 17:00**      **Interventions by**  
**Prof. Laurent PECH**, Middlesex University  
**Stephen GREY**, Reuters/The Daphne Project (tbc)  
**Filippo Donati**, President, European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

**17:00 - 17:30**      **Question and Answer Session**

**Session II - Exchange on the COVID-19 pandemic impact on democracy, rule of law and fundamental rights**

- 17:30 - 17:35** Introduction by **Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament
- 17:35 - 18.05** **Interventions by**  
**Michael O’FLAHERTY**, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)  
**Gianni BUQUICCHIO**, President, Venice Commission, Council of Europe: presentation of the Interim Report on the measures taken in the EU Member States as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and their impact on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights  
**Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)** (tbc)  
**Alexis DESWAEF**, Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)  
**Members of National Parliaments** (tbc)
- 18.05 - 18.35** **Question and Answer Session**
- 18.35 - 18.40** Closing remarks by **Juan Fernandez LÓPEZ AGUILAR**, LIBE Chair