



Strasbourg Flash

Plenary Session Priorities 20-23 October 2008

Calling time on the raw deal for temporary workers

Monday, 20 October

Too many workers hired on contracts from temporary agencies get a raw deal compared to colleagues doing the same job.

Greens welcome and support the European Commission Directive on temporary workers, which sets out these workers' right to equal treatment, strengthens their access to training and childcare and addresses the question of representation in Works councils.

Greens will oppose any move to postpone the Désir report to December.

Collective agreements: fundamental rights first

Tuesday, 21 October

A number of cases in the European Court of Justice (Laval, Viking, Rüffert) have led to heated debate on a trade-off between the freedom to provide services and the right to protect workers.

The Greens strongly support the Andersson report, which recognises fundamental rights should prevail over economic considerations. It requests a partial review and broader legal base for the Posting Directive and calls on the Commission to act to close legal loopholes that have led to negative rulings and social dumping.

Resolution on the global financial situation

Wednesday, 22 October

After decades of neo-liberalist policies, voices in Europe are uniting in favour of tighter regulation of the financial sector and the creation of a Europe-wide supervisory body.

Caps on financial sector managers' exorbitant salaries and bonuses would also be welcomed.

Greens were however disappointed with last week's nomination of Commissioners Kroes and McCreevy to the financial crisis steering group. Charlie McCreevy's track record is marked by an excessively hands off approach and blind faith in self-regulation.

Briefing with Greens/EFA Co-Presidents

Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Monica Frassoni
and Green MEP Pierre Jonckheer

Tuesday 21 October, at the earlier time of 09.00-09.30
Press Conference Room

Press conference

with H el ene Flautre
and others on the appeal
against the execution
of Troy Davis

Wednesday 22 October,
at 10.00

Worth watching - Parliamentary reports, debates and resolutions

Monday

- Angelilli report on protecting children on the internet
- European Parliament INTA committee hearing of Trade Commissioner **Lady Ashton**

Tuesday, 20 May 2008

- European Council report and Commission statement on European Council (with **Nicolas Sarkozy**)
- **Haug & Lewandowski** reports on the 2009 budget
- **Stockmann** report on airport charges
- **in't Veld** report on passenger name record (PNR) data
- Council and Commission statements: EU-Russia relations

Wednesday, 21 May 2008

- Vote on resolution on global financial situation
- **Manders** report on protection of timeshare consumers

Thursday, 22 May 2008

- Announcement of Sakharov Prize
- Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

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