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The New Political Role of Internet and Mobile Phone

Example Iran

PROGRAMME

9:30 - 9:40 Welcome: **Dany Cohn-Bendit**
Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group, MEP France

9:40 - 9:50 Introduction: **Barbara Lochbihler**
President of the Iran Delegation, MEP Green/EFA Group, Germany

9:50 - 11:20 The Green Movement and the Media - Developmentsin Iran since the Presidential Elections June 2009

Moderator: Marietje Schaake Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Culture, Media and Education, MEP ALDE Group, Netherlands

Topics:

- New methods of communication (SMS, Twitter, Skype)
- Censorship of TV, Radio and Internet (Websites, Facebook)
- Surveillance of telephone and e-mails
- Variations in media use as to age, geography and social background

Panellists:

- **Delbar Tavakoli**, Journalist
- **Reza Moini**, Reporters without Borders, Desk officer Iran & Afghanistan, France
- **Fred Petrossians**, Online Editor in Chief of Radio Farda ,Czech Republic
- **Ben Roome**, Nokia Siemens Networks, Great Britain
- **Omid Memarian**, Journalist and Researcher, International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran, USA
- **Seyyed Ebrahim Nabavi**, Satirist, Writer, Diarist, and Researcher, Iran

11:30 - 13:00 Future chances and risks of advances in communication technology

Moderator: Eva Lichtenberger, Vice-President Green-EFA Group, MEP Green/EFA Group, Austria

Topics:

- Technological developments in preparation
- Freedom of the net versus state control
- Reactions internally and from the outside

Panellists:

- **Aliakbar Mousavi Khoeini**, Internet specialist, USA
- **Mehdi Yahyanejad**, Founder & Director of the website Balatarin, USA
- **Reza Valizadeh**, Journalist and blogger, France
- **Christian Engström**, MEP Pirate Party, Sweden
- **Sebastian Müller**, European Policy Manager, Google, Belgium
- **Erich Möchel**, Investigative journalist, Austria

15:00 - 16:30 How will developments in information technology influence politics towards Iran?

Moderator: Barbara Lochbihler President of the Iran Delegation, MEP Green/EFA Group, Germany

Topics:

- How to preserve the freedom of the internet while preventing its abuse
- How the modern information society influences methods to act against undemocratic governments
- Are sanctions and isolation still useful tools in the age of cyberspace?
- EU legislation and democratisation: part of the problems or the solutions?

Panellists:

- **Rouzbeh Parsi**, Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies Paris
- **Lucie Morillon**, Reporters Without Borders, Head of the New Media Desk, USA
- **Pooneh Ghoddoosi**, BBC Persia, Presenter of Nowbat-e Shoma, GB
- **Giuseppe Busini**, DG RELEX, Iran Desk, European Commission

Conclusions: Barbara Lochbihler

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