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Greens/EFA priorities for 19-22 October 2009

Greens/EFA priorities for next week's European Parliament plenary session in Strasbourg:

Monday, 19 October 2009
19.00 Civil liberties committee vote on visa liberalisation for the Western Balkans
The Commission's 15 July proposal, which excluded Bosnia-Hercegovina citizens from planned visa-free travel to the EU. Following strong criticism from the Greens and others - and recent fulfilment of criteria by the authorities - the EP civil liberties committee is expected to vote in favour of their inclusion.

Tuesday, 20 October 2009
09.00-11.50 Council and Commission statements - Climate change and developing countries in the framework of the UN conference on climate change in Copenhagen

10.20-10.40 Press briefing with Greens/EFA President Rebecca HarmsPress briefing room, N-1/201, LOW Building, European Parliament

12.00-13.00 Vote on resolution on freedom of information in Europe and in Italy

13.00 After the votes, a Greens/EFA-commissioned ice sculpture will be unveiled in the LOW courtyard, a symbolic action ahead of the Copenhagen conference on climate change

16.00-18.30 Joint debate - draft general budget 2010

17.00-18.45 Greens/EFA film screening: "Videocracy" Room R 5.1, European Parliament*Screening of Erik Gandini's critically-acclaimed documentary on Silvio Berlusconi's media empire.*

Wednesday, 21 October 2009

09.00-11.50 Council and Commission statements: preparation of EU summit 29-30 October
Although ratification of the Lisbon Treaty is conditional on Vaclav Klaus' signature, the debate is already open on possible candidates for the Council President and Foreign Affairs High-Representative posts, as well as for nominees for the new European Commission.

17.00-18.30 Debate: "Guinea - it's not only about fish", with **Isabella Lovin**, other MEPs and guest

speakers

15.30-16.00 Press conference: "Situation in Tunisia on the eve of legislative and presidential elections"With Green MEP **Hélène Flautre**

Thursday, 22 October 2009

09.00 Estevez report on Fisheries Partnership agreement between the EC and Guinea
On 1 October, days after the presidential guard opened fire on peaceful protestors in Conakry, Greens led a majority vote in the fisheries committee against approving this fisheries agreement, which would have granted over 1 million Euro of EU funds to the Guinean government in its first year.

15.00-16.00 Urgencies: debates on Guinea (Conakry), Iran and Sri Lanka

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