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Ana Miranda elected Vice-Chair of Parliament's Petitions Committee

EFA MEP Ana Miranda has just been elected first vice-chair of the European Parliament's Petitions Committee, taking over from Margrette Auken a month and a half after the BNG took her seat in the European Parliament.

In the first point of the session held today, Miranda was elected by acclamation of the members of the Commission, i.e. without the need for a vote, so with this appointment, the Galician MEP occupies one of the highest positions of the Galician representatives in the European Parliament.

"With this new responsibility BNG sees itself more recognised in the European Parliament, with greater power and political capacity to give more visibility to Galicia and its problems", said Ana Miranda.

In her speech stressed that she had already been part of the committee on other occasions. As an example of her work, she referred to some of the issues discussed, such as the report on the pollution of the Galician estuaries, the Alvia accident and the nurses' fight for better conditions. The Galician MEP also promoted the debate on the Home Help Service, waste treatment, polluting mega-mining, the installation of mega wind farms, the prohibition of Franco's foundations, freedom of expression and labour rights within this committee.

"I have always worked loyally with the other groups in what I believe is the best committee in the European Parliament," said MEP Miranda, who believes that is in this committee where people and groups *"can intervene directly"* to talk about the issues denounced. The Danish Green MEP Margrette Auken, who proposed Miranda to replace her on behalf of EFA as the Greens/EFA parliamentary group, said she did not doubt that her colleague would do *"her job perfectly as she has always done"*.

The European Parliament's Petitions Committee has several Galician issues on the agenda, such as today, when relatives of the ship Villa de Pitaxo, which sank in Terranova last February, will appear before the

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