



**Conference:
« 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: The
defenders take the floor»**

European Parliament, Brussels, 7-8 October, 2008

Draft Programme

Tuesday 7 October (Room PHS 3C050)

09h00-10h00 Registration

10h00-10h30 Opening speech

Mrs Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Commissioner for External Relations and
European neighbourhood policy, European Commission

10h30-11h00 Presentation of a trailer of the film "**Stories on Human Rights**" by
Filmmakers, Artists and Writers on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary
of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (introduced by Mr Idrissa
Ouedraogo, Film Director)

11h00-12h30 Opening remarks

Chair: Mrs H el ene Flautre, Chair, Sub-Committee on Human Rights, EP

Mrs Luisa Morgantini,	Vice-President, European Parliament
Mr St�ephane Fr�ed�eric Hessel	Ambassador
Mrs Souyer Belhassen,	President, International Federation for Human Rights
Mr Eric Sottas,	Secretary General, World Organisation Against Torture

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Mrs Margaret Sekaggya, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of
Human Rights Defenders

12h30-13h00 Presentation of some excerpts of the UN initiative “6 Billion others” on
the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration

13h00-15h00 Lunch

15h00-18h30 First Working session. Human Rights Defenders: Activists for democracy,
in danger

Chair: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Discussant: Mr Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch

15h30-16h00 Testimony:
Mrs Vasila Inoiatova, Ezgulik, Uzbekistan
Mrs Evita Goša, , Mozaika, LGBT, Latvia

16h00-16h45 Panel:
Mr Adam Michnik, journalist
Mrs Mary Lawlor, Director, Frontline
Mrs Claudia Samayoa, Guatemala **TBC**

16h45-18h30 Discussion

Wednesday 8 October (Room "Hemicycle")

09h00-11h00 Second Working Session: Journalists: Human Rights Defenders for the
right to the freedom of expression

Chair: Mr Horacio Verbitsky, journalist, Pagina 12, Argentina

Discussant: Mr Jean-Paul Marthoz, journalist, Belgium

09h00- 10h00 Panel:

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Mrs Lydia Cacho Ribeiro, journalist, *La Voz del Caribe*, Mexico

Mr Ali al-Atassi, journalist, *An-Nahar*, Lebanon

Mr Andrey Lipsky, journalist, *Novaya Gazeta*, Russia **TBC**

10h00-11h00 Discussion

11h00-12h00 Closing session

Co- Chairs: Mr Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Chair, Committee on Foreign Affairs, EP
Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles, Chair, Committee on Development, EP

Concluding remarks

Mrs Hélène Flautre, Chair, Sub-Committee on Human Rights, EP

Key-note speech

Mrs Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering, President, European Parliament

12h00 End of Conference

12h15-13h00 Press Conference

Mrs Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mrs Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Commissioner for External Relations and European neighbourhood policy, European Commission

Mrs Luisa Morgantini, Vice-President, European Parliament

13.00-14h 30 Lunch (Restaurant Autoworld Brussels)

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**The Conference proceedings will be illustrated by:
Mr Plantu and Mr Ali Dilem, cartoonists**

**The Blue Cape of Human Rights, by the French artist Nicola L.,
an ephemeral and living mobile monument dedicated to each individual in every
part of the world, will be also presented on the occasion of the Conference**

For information : on 7 October 2008, 18.30 (Room 3C50)

On the occasion of the European Day Against Death Penalty, which is celebrated on 10 October, all participants are cordially invited to attend a special event on the world moratorium against death penalty, chaired by Mrs Morgantini, Vice-President of the European Parliament responsible for Human Rights.

During the conference, the short movie “15 Seconds” will be screened.
Gianluca Petrazzi, director and author, and Raoul Bova, actor and producer, will speak at the conference.