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## Strasbourg Flash October 2009

### 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-Herzegovina 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 Harms** Press 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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