



Human Rights in Eritrea

How should the EU address the growing human rights crisis in Eritrea ?

Roundtable

hosted by MEP Renate Weber (ALDE),
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Together with

Reporters without Borders, Amnesty International,
Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Open Doors

18 September 2008 - 9.30 am to 12.45 am

Brussels, European Parliament, ASP, A3H-1

9.00 Registration

9.30 Welcome and introduction: MEP Ana Gomes

9.40 Session 1 : Human Rights situation in Eritrea

Chair: MEP Ana Gomes

- Elsa Chyrum, Eritrean exile and human rights activist
- Nicolas Beger, EU director of Amnesty International
- Habtom Yohannes, journalist and human rights activist
- Léonard Vincent, Africa desk head of Reporters Without Borders
- Dr. Khataza Gondwe, Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Mr. Kebreab Yimesgen Hailegiorgis, co founder and former General Secretary of the Eritrean Evangelical Alliance for Africa and the Middle East (EEF-AME)
- DVD - President Isaias Afewerki's Interview with Al Jazeera 22/05/08 (10')
- Mr. Bashir Ishaq Abdalla and Mr Adhanom Gebremariam, spokesmen for the Eritrean Democratic Alliance
- Q/A and discussion

11.30 Session 2 : Future strategies and action

Chair: MEP Renate Weber

- French presidency representative - tbc
- European Commission representative - tbc
- Open Doors, Amnesty International, RSF, CSW

12.00 Q/A, discussion and conclusions

12.30 Press Conference