

Rape as a Weapon of War: Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Seminar hosted by Barbara Lochbihler, MEP,
on the occasion of the International Women's Day 2010

Programme*

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

In the morning	Arrival
from 12.45 on	Meeting point: EP Accreditation centre (next to the Place du Luxembourg entrance of the Altiero-Spinelli-Building on the right hand side)
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch in the O'Liberty Restaurant of the European Parliament, Joszéf-Antall-Building, floor 2
15.00 - 17.00	NGO-Round-Table (<i>public</i>): "The future of 1325", <u>Chair</u> : Ana Gomes (MEP), <u>Speakers</u> : Selmin Caliskan (Medica Mondiale), Sanne Tielemans (European Peace Building Liason Office), Isabelle Nielsson (Kvinna till Kvinna), Elisabeth Roesch (International Rescue Committee) Paul-Henri-Spaak-Building/ Room 5 B 1 <i>Interpretation: English/French</i>
17.30 - 19.30	Meeting with Barbara Lochbihler and Elisabeth Horstkötter: (advisor for the Greens/European Free Alliance in the FEMM Committee): "Positions of the German and European Greens regarding sexual violence in armed conflicts" (<i>internal</i>) Altiero-Spinelli-Building / Room 7 F 387
20.00 - 23.00	Dinner in the Permanent Representation of North Rhine- Westfalia (<i>internal</i>): "Women and Security - European networks and their role in shaping positions of the EU" <u>Speakers</u> : Ute Scheub und Maren Haartje (Peace Women), Maaïke van Min (VAWIC), Permanent Representation of North-Westfalia, Rue Montoyer 47, Bruxelles

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

9.30 - 11.30	Guided City Walking tour (<i>internal</i>), Meeting point: Lobby of Hotel le Dôme: two persons of the office team of Barbara Lochbihler will pick you up
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* *Although nearly speakers are confirmed as of now, last minute changes can always happen.*

12.30 - 14.00	Lunchdebate (<i>public</i>): "Women in armed conflicts - the example of the Democratic Republic of Congo" , <u>Chair</u> : Barbara Lochbihler (MEP), <u>Statements</u> : Kristalina Georgieva (Commissioner for Int. Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, tbc), Monika Hauser (Medica Mondiale), Jeannine Tshipambu Mukanirwa (DRC), Paul-Henri-Spaak Building / Room 7 C 50 <i>Interpretation: English/French</i> <i>Drinks and sandwiches will be provided</i>
14.30 - 16.00	Meeting with the Spanish EU Presidency (<i>public</i>): "European Politics towards 1325 - remarks by the Spanish EU Presidency", <u>Chair</u> : Raul Romeva (MEP) <u>Speakers</u> : Beatriz Lorenzo (Spanish Presidency), additional statements by Gitti Henschel (Women Security Council Germany), Abou Fassi-Fihri (SCG), Mireia Vinas Cano (Care International) Paul-Henri-Spaak Building, Room 7 C 50 <i>Interpretation: English/French/Spanish</i>
16.00 - 18.00	Screening of the documentary "Women's War" (<i>public</i>), produced by Kvinna till Kvinna, Sweden, 2009, followed by discussion with Isabelle Nielsson (Kvinna till Kvinna), room: to be confirmed <u>Alternative meeting</u> : WILPF reunion (<i>internal</i>), Altiero-Spinelli-Building, Room 5 E 1
18.30 - 21.00	Reception on the occasion of the exhibition (<i>public</i>), <u>Speakers</u> : Barbara Lochbihler, MEP, Monika Hauser (Medica Mondiale), Jeannine Tshipambu Mukanirwa, (Development Expert and PAIF Project Coordinator for Peacebuilding), Kristalina Giorgieva (Comissioner for Int. Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, tbc), Martha Jean Baker (European Women's Lobby) Altiero-Spinelli-Building, 3rd floor <i>Drinks and sandwiches will be provided</i>

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9.00 - 12.30	Session of EP's Human Rights Committee (<i>public</i>), with statements by Monika Hauser, Jeannine Tshipambu Mukanirwa, Commission (tbc), Altiero-Spinelli-Building, Room 5 G-3 <i>Interpretation: Translation in all major European languages</i>
12.30	departure

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Directions

1) How to get from the train station to the European Parliament :

Take the metro lines 2 or 6 direction SIMONIS (ELISABETH). When arriving at Trône, go straight out of the metro station and turn left on the Rue du Luxembourg. Looking along the Rue du Luxembourg, you will see the building of the European Parliament, which is at the end of the street and tops all other buildings. The front building of the EP building you'll see has a round roof. It takes around 5 - 10 minutes to walk from the metro station TRÔNE to the EP.

2) How to get from the airport to the European Parliament:

Take the bus lines 21 or 12 from the stop AÉROPORT to the stop PLACE DU LUXEMBOURG that is right in front of the EP. Both bus lines do not pass very frequently, so check the itineraries of the bus lines (other attachments) to find out which bus to take after your trip.

3) How to get from the train station to the hotel:

If you are arriving at "Gare du Midi", take the tram or metro to the stop ROGIER. You can take

- the metro lines 6 and 2 direction SIMONIS (ELISABETH)
- the tram 3 direction ESPLANADE

Trams and metros arrive every 5 minutes and it takes about 10 minutes to the stop ROGIER. Once outside the stop, the Boulevard du Jardin Botanique is the big main road right in front of the stop. For getting to the hotel, turn left.

4) How to get from the airport to the hotel:

You can take the airport Express train from the airport underground station to the GARE DU NORD, stopping 500 metres from the hotel. Exit the station by following signs 'centre' and 'Rogier'. Once outside, walk straight ahead for 5-10 minutes, until you reach 'Bd. Du Jardin Botanique'. The Hotel is located on the opposite side of the road, to your left.

Lodging

The address of the hotel is:

**Hotel "Le Dôme"
Boulevard du Jardin Botanique 9-12-13,
Brussels,**

When you arrive at the hotel, please tell the reception desk that a reservation was made for you under the name *Groupe WK Lochbihler*. For some persons, the reservation was made using a

different booking system and they have to check in with their full names. However, these persons have been notified beforehand.

Taxis

Taxis are usually available in front of the train stations or airport. If you do not see one, you can call the Taxis Verts. 0032 23494949

In case you get lost or have other questions do not hesitate to call us!

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