Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population

HEARING on
Lives lost in the Mediterranean sea: who is responsible?
(Rapporteur: Ms Tineke Strik, Netherlands, SOC)

Paris, 29 November 2011
2 – 6.30pm
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REVISIED DRAFT PROGRAMME

2.00 pm  Opening of the Hearing by Ms Tineke STRIK, Rapporteur

2.15 – 4 pm
SESSION 1: TRAGEDIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND EUROPE’S RESPONSIBILITY

2011: Annus Horribilis in the Canal of Sicily

Keynote speaker:
- Mr Christoph HEIN, Director of Italian Refugee Council

Missing Persons in the Mediterranean Sea: the families’ right to know

Keynote speaker:
- Mr Stephane OJEDA, Diplomatic Adviser, ICRC

Law of the Sea and Law of Armed Conflicts

Keynote speaker:
- Mr Baldwin de VIDTS, Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law

Parliamentary panel and debate.
- Ms Tina ACKETOFT, Sweden, ALDE
- Mr Giacomo SANTINI, Italy, EPP/CD (tbc)

4pm – 4.30pm  Coffee break
4.30 – 6.30 pm  
**SESSION 2: LEARNING FROM THE TRAGIC EVENTS**

**Towards more and better international coordination?**

Keynote speakers:
- Ms Anja KLUG, Senior Legal Officer, Asylum and Migration Unit, Department of International Protection of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Parliamentary panel and debate.
- Mr Joseph DEBONO GRECH, Malta, SOC (tbc)
- Ms Doris FIALA, Switzerland, ALDE (tbc)

**What is the role of national authorities, NATO and FRONTEX?**
- ZZ........., NATO (tbc)
- Mr Rustamas LIUBAJEVAS, Head of Joint Operations Unit, FRONTEX

Parliamentary panel and debate.
- Mr Christopher CHOPE, Chairperson of the Committee, United Kingdom, EDG
- Mr Nikolaos DENDIAS, Greece, EPP/CD (tbc)

6.15 pm Concluding remarks by **Ms Tineke STRIK**, Rapporteur