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Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic

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Draft Programme

Moderator: Ms Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN MP (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Chairperson, Sub-Committee on External Relations, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Co-Moderator: Ms Marietta KARAMANLI MP (France, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, Sub-Committee on External Relations, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

[13.15] **Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic**

- **Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER MP** (UK, EC/DA)
Former Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

[13.30] **Challenges to Parliaments in Covid Times**

- **Professor Meg RUSSELL**
Director, Constitution Unit, Department of Political Science, University College London

- Exchange of views

[14.00] **Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender, equality and non-discrimination**

- **Ms Eglantina GJERMENI MP** (Albania, SOC)
Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

[14.15] **Humanitarian consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for migrants and refugees**

- **Mr Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ MP** (Switzerland, SOC)
Chairperson, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

[14.30] **Covid-19 vaccines: ethical, legal and practical considerations**

- **Mr Luis LEITE RAMOS MP** (Portugal, EPP/CD)
Chairperson, Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

- Exchange of views

[14.50] **Summing up by the Moderators**