

Press release – Opening – March plenary session



On behalf of Parliament, President Sassoli offered his deepest condolences to the family and friends of those killed in an attack on a UN convoy in the Democratic Republic of Congo on 22 February.

Changes to the agenda

Monday

Pursuant to Rule 163 on urgent procedure, the following files are added for adoption:

- *Equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in the UK, and*
- *Equivalence of field inspections and equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties of agricultural plant species carried out in the UK.*

These requests will be put to the vote on Monday.

Tuesday

The Commission statement on *Tackling the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by focusing on investment, competitiveness and skills* will be

debated as the third item in the afternoon, after the report by Ms Guillaume on *Activities of the European Ombudsman*.

Requests by committees to start negotiations with Council and Commission

Decisions by committees to enter into inter-institutional negotiations (Rule 71) are published [on the plenary website](#).

If no request for a vote in Parliament on the decision to enter into negotiations is made by Tuesday 12.00 midnight, the committees may start negotiations.

Information on the extraordinary remote participation procedure is available [here](#).