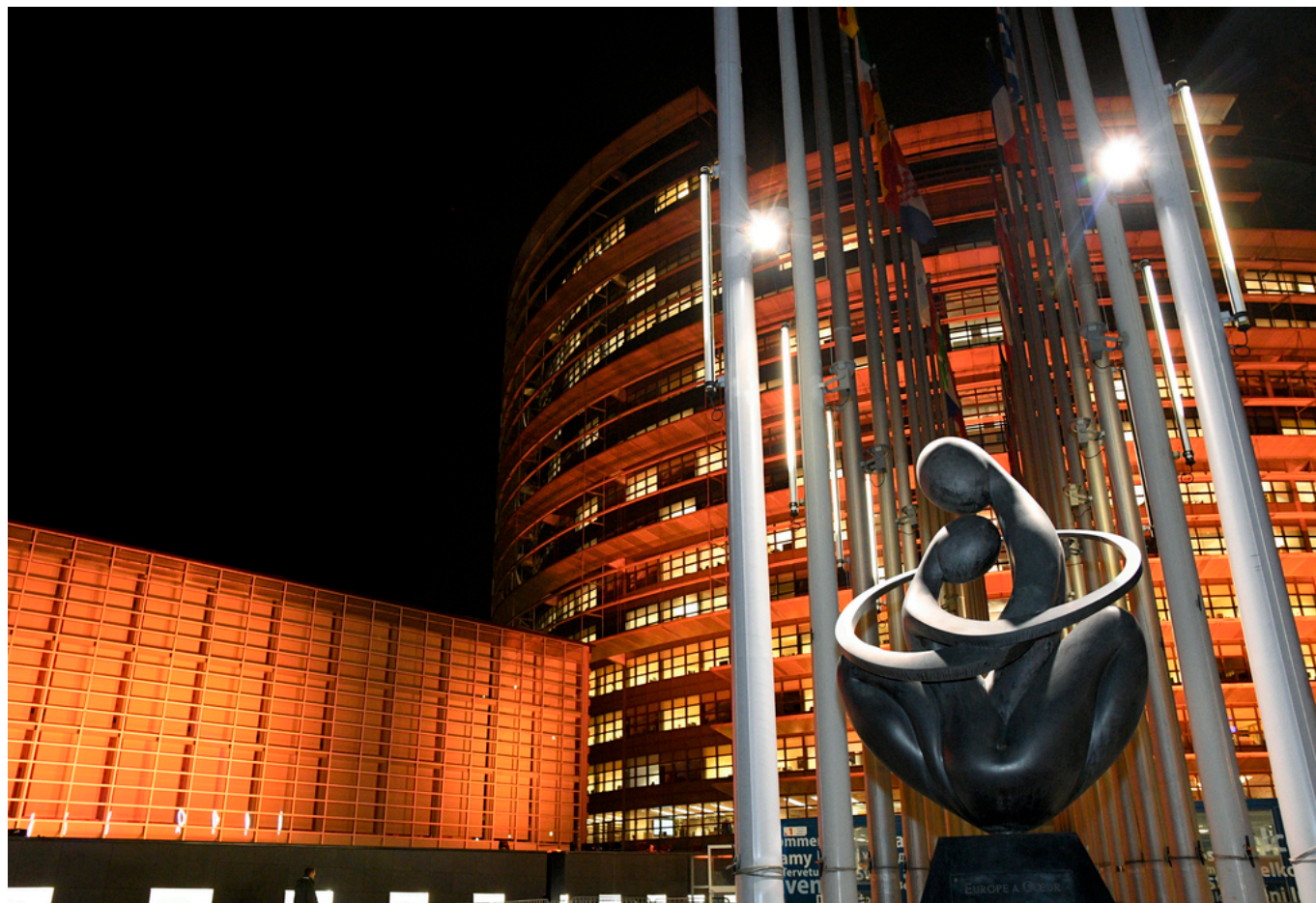


Press release – Opening of November II: take action to end violence against women



One in three women and girls suffers physical or sexual violence during their lives, said President Sassoli, adding that gender-based violence is a violation of human rights.

Citing violence against women and girls as one of the main obstacles to achieving the Agenda 2030 sustainable development goals, he called for all member states and the European Union to ratify the Istanbul Convention, the first legally binding international instrument to prevent and combat violence against women and girls.

On the 2019 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the European Parliament building in Strasbourg will be lit up in orange as part of the Orange the World initiative, as a sign of solidarity with all women and girls who have been victims of violence.

You can read President Sassoli's speech [here](#).

Changes to the agenda

Tuesday

The debate on “Measures to address the impact on European agriculture of the WTO ruling on the Airbus dispute” will be moved to Tuesday afternoon, as the 4th item before the Commission statement on the “crisis of the WTO Appellate Body”. Tuesday’s sitting will be extended until 23:00.

The debate on “Public discrimination and hate speech against LGBTI people, including LGBTI free zones” will be wound up with a resolution, to be put to the vote at the December part-session.

Thursday

The voting session will start at 11.30 and end at 13.30.

The title of the debate on “Imprisonment of human rights defenders and freedom of religion in Algeria” be changed to “Situation of freedoms in Algeria”.

Requests by committees to start negotiations with Council and Commission

Decisions by several 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 midnight on Tuesday, the committees may start negotiations.