

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Committee on Legal Affairs

Extraordinary joint meeting

Exchange of views on the protection of lawyers worldwide with a focus on the new Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer

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Introductory remarks by the Chairs

MEP Mounir Satouri, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights
MEP Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs

Guest speakers

- Testimony by **Ms Ramla Dahmani**, sister of Sonia Dahmani, Tunisian Lawyer in detention since July 2024
- **Ms Margaret Satterthwaite**, UN Special rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers (online)
- **Mr Gianluca Esposito**, Director General for Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe
- **Mr Laurent Pettiti**, Chair of the working group on the Convention on the protection of lawyers, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe

Q&A with MEPs

Remarks by the Commission and the European External Action Service

Conclusions by the Chairs