



LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES
PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

PROGRAMME
VILNIUS, 11-12 MARCH 2010

Organised under the auspices of Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas

Friday, 12 March 2012

White Hall of the Seimas

9.00 Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Dignity. Welcome address by:
Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas
Mr Benjamin Harnwell, author of the Declaration
with the participation of Members of the Seimas
Joint press conference in the lobby outside the White Hall

Constitution Hall of the Seimas,

Chaired by: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Chairman of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs, and
Mr Mantas Adomėnas, Member of the Seimas

10.00 Opening. Welcome address by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Chairman of the Seimas Committee
on Foreign Affairs

Video Address by Mrs Hillary Clinton, US Secretary of State, to the people of Lithuania on the
occasion of the 20th anniversary of the restoration of independence

10.05 Welcome address by Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas

10.15 Video address by Mr Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament

10.20 *Activities of the Parliamentary Forum Envisaged by the Lithuanian Presidency of the CoD*,
Prof. Vytautas Landsbergis, Chairman of the Supreme Council-Reconstituent Seimas of the
Republic of Lithuania and Member of the European Parliament

10.30 Discussion on the Parliamentary Forum and further agenda. Contributions by:
Mr Mihai Ghimpu, Speaker of Parliament and Acting President of the Republic of Moldova
Mr David Bakradze, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

Mr Zbigniew Romaszewski, Deputy Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
Mr John Dennis Hastert, former Speaker of the United States Congress
Mr Jón Baldvin Hannibalsson, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland
Mr Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Member of the United States Congress
Ms Adriana Gonzales Carillo, Member of the Senate of Mexico
Mr Michal Tomasz Kaminski, Member of the European Parliament from Poland
Mr Borys Tarasyuk, Chairman of the Committee on European Integration of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Mr Aleksandr Vondra and Mr Karel Schwarzenberg, Members of the Senate of the Czech Republic
Mr Michael Gahler, Member of the European Parliament from Germany
Mr David Kilgour, Member of the Board of Directors of the Council for a Community of Democracies
Mr Stanislav Shushkevich, First Head of State of the independent Belarus and former Chairman of the Supreme Council of Belarus
Mr Patrick Breen, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Ireland
Mr Yuksel Cuneyt, Member of Parliament of Turkey
Mr Chaoui Belassal, Member of Parliament of Morocco

12.00 General discussion - Vilnius Declaration

12.20 Signing of the Vilnius Declaration (*Lobby outside the Constitution Hall*)

12.30 Press Conference with the participation of the Speakers of Parliaments, Chairman of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs, Member of the European Parliament, Members of the US Congress and Mexican Senate (*Press Conference Hall*)