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Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies Meeting

“PARLIAMENTS AND THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY IN XXI CENTURY: DO WE LIVE IN A GLOBAL DEMOCRACY DOWNTURN?”

The High Level Democracy Meeting
Krakow, 3-4 July 2010
10th anniversary Community of Democracies

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

3 July 2010

Venue: Krakow opera

9.30 – 10.15 Registration

10.15 – 10.30 Opening of the Parliamentary Panel

Opening words by **Mr Emanuelis Zingeris**, the President of the Parliamentary Forum

Welcome address by **Mr Audronius Azubalis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

10.30 – 10.45 Keynote speech: “Do we live in a global democracy downturn?” by **Mr Jerzy Buzek**, the President of the European Parliament.

10.45- 11.15 Working session I: Parliamentary contribution to the Global Democracy Work Plan
Presided over by **Mr Emanuelis Zingeris** and moderated by **Mr Mantas Adomėnas**

Interventions (5- 7 min) by:

Mr John McCain, US senator (tbc)

Mr John Dennis Hastert, former Speaker of the Congress of US

Mr Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden (tbc)

Mr David Kilgour, Vice-President of the PF, director of the Washington-based Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD).

Other Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Forum

11.15 – 12.30 Working session II. Presentation of concrete democracy cases and General discussion
Presided over by **Mr Emanuelis Zingeris** and moderated by **Mr Mantas Adomėnas**

- *Situation in Ukraine* by **Mr Borys Tarasyuk**, the Chairman of European Affairs committee at Rada;

- *Situation in Cuba* by **Mr Lincol Diaz-Balart**, Congressman U.S. House of Representatives;

- *Situation in Belarus* by **Mr Michal Tomasz Kaminski**, MEP, Chair of European Conservatives and Reformists;
- *Situation in Georgia* by **Mr David Bakradze**, Speakers of the Parliament of Georgia
- *Democracy in Turkey* by **Mr Yuksel Cuneyt**, Member of Parliament, Turkey

- **Approval of the Final Resolution of the Parliamentary Forum Krakow Meeting and the Parliamentary recommendation for the Global Democracy Work Plan**

- *Intervention by Mr Lorne Craner*, President of President of IRI

12.30- 13.00 The ceremony of the extended signing of Vilnius Declaration
Press Conference (main speakers of the PF meeting)

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Reception

4 July 2010 (upon the necessity)

Venue: Krakow Opera (Equality Room)

10.00- 12.30 Presentation and discussion on PF action plan for 2010 – 2011 (tbc)

12.30- 13.30 Lunch