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**DEMOCRACY BOUNDARIES: CHALLENGES IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL
EUROPE AS WELL AS SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA**

September 15, 2010
Washington DC, USA

14 September

19:00 – 21:00 **Working dinner for the members of the Parliamentary Forum
hosted by German Marshal Fund (GMF);**

*Participants (by invitation only) – National Endowment for
Democracy (NED); International Republican Institute (IRI),
National Democratic Institute (NDI); German Marshal Fund (GMF)
and members of the Parliamentary Forum*

*Moderated by **Mr. David Kramer**, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, GMF*

*Venue – GMF 1744 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009,
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15 September

8:45-9:00

Registration

*Venue – **HVC 201 A/B, Visitor Center, The Capitol***

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the closest security desk to obtain an official business badge and
direct you to the conference room. Please allow enough time to go
through the Capitol security procedures.*

Moderator

Mr. Carl Gershman, President, NED

9:00 – 9:05

Opening of the Parliamentary Forum

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum

9:05 – 9:30

Video-conference Washington-Brussels

Welcome address:

- **Rep. Nancy Pelosi**, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
- **Mr. Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament (via video-conference from Brussels)
- **Rep. Howard L. Berman**, Congressman, U. S. House of Representatives, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Ms. Samantha Power**, Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs for the National Security Council
- **Rep. Shelley Berkley**, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives, Chair of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue
- **Rep. David Price**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Mr. Dennis Hastert**, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Member of the CoD Parliamentary Forum
- **Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, Vice-President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum

9:30 – 10:00

Panel on Democracy in Europe's East

Moderators

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum
Mr. Carl Gershman, President, NED

Questions for discussion

- What could the democratic community do to support the transition and consolidation of democracy in Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia as well as Belarus?
- How could the democratic community strengthen parliaments as the main institution for democracy in Eastern Europe?
- What can be done to strengthen the political parties and the status of the opposition in the parliaments of these countries?

Featuring guest interventions

- **Ms. Irena Degutiene**, Speaker of Lithuanian Parliament
- **Mr. David Bakradze**, Speaker of Georgian Parliament
- **Mr. Mihail Ghimpu**, Speaker of Moldovan Parliament (tbc)
- **Mr. Zbigniew Romaszewski**, Deputy Marshal of the Senate, Poland
- **Mr. Borys Tarasiuk**, Member of the CoD Parliamentary Forum, Ukraine
- **Mr. Yaroslau Ramanchuk**, Belarus

10:00 – 11:00

Comments, discussion

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Congresswoman, Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives;
Mr. Michał Tomasz Kamiński, Member of the European

Parliament, Vice-president of the CoD Parliamentary Forum; **Sen. John McCain**, Senator, U.S. Senate; **Rep. Thaddeus McCotter**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee; **Rep. David Dreier**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, **Rep. Mike Quigley**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives; **Rep. Nita M. Lowey**, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Rep. John Tanner**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Rep. Russ Carnahan**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Rep. Marcy Kaptur**, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz**, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); and other members of Forum intervening

Closing comments

Mr. Vytautas Landsbergis, Member of European Parliament
Mr. David Kramer, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, GMF

11:00 – 11:30 Panel on Democracy in Latin America

Moderators

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum
Mr. Carl Gershman, President, NED

Questions for discussion

- What are the main challenges to democracy in the region?
- What is the role of parliament in the internal political systems of these countries?
- What specific actions can be taken by the CoD parliamentarians to support democracy in Central and South America?
- How to establish a branch of the Parliamentary Forum for "The Americas"?

Featuring guest interventions

- **Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, Vice-President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum
- **Mr. Jose Maria Aznar**, former President of the Government of Spain
- **Mr. Jaime E. Aleman**, Ambassador, Republic of Panama
- **Mr. Pelegrin Castillo**, Representative, House of Representatives, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- **Mr. Petr Gandalovič**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament, Czech Republic
- **Ms. Carolina Barco Isakson**, Ambassador, Colombia

11:30 – 12:30 Comments, discussion

- **Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, **Sen. George LeMieux**, Senator, U.S. Senate; **Mr. David Kilgour**, Director, Council for a Community of Democracies, Vice-President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum; **Rep. Albio Sires**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives; **Mr. Zbigniew Romaszewski**, Deputy Marshal of the Senate, Poland; **Rep. Peter Roskam**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives; **Rep. Chris Smith**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Sen. Robert Menendez**, Senator, U.S. Senate, (tbc); **Rep. Frank Wolf**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Rep. Ed Markey**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); **Rep. Eliot Engel**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc); and other members of Forum intervening

Closing comments

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives, Vice-President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum

12:30 – 12:45 **Break to get lunch**

12:45 – 13:15 **Working Lunch**

Advancing Democracy: Why We Should and How We Can

Guest Speaker: **Mr. Michael McFaul**, Senior Director, Russian Affairs at the National Security Council

13:15 – 13:30

Comments

Mr. Vytautas Landsbergis, Member of the European Parliament

Rep. Alcee Hastings, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives; and other members of Forum intervening

13:30 – 14:00

General Discussion

Mr. Irwin Cotler, Member of Parliament and former Justice Minister, Canada

Mr. Guillaume Ngefa, Human Rights defender, Congo

Mr. Gbehzohngar M. Findley, Senator, Liberia, and other members of Forum intervening

14:00 – 14:30 **Closing of the conference**

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum

Adoption of the Resolution of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy

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