



PARLIAMENTARY FORUM



MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES PARLIAMENTARY FORUM  
**DEMOCRATIZATION IN EUROPE AND EUROPE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD**

The High Level Democracy Meeting  
19-20 May, 2011  
Tbilisi, Georgia

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, May 18**

**Arrival of the participants:** Transfer between Tbilisi International Airport and Hotel provided by the Parliament of Georgia

**Accommodation:** Radisson BLU Iveria

**Thursday, May 19**

**Venue:** Radisson BLU Iveria, Grand Ballroom

**09.30** Registration of the Participants

**OPENING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FORUM**

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**10.30-10.45** Moderation and welcome by **Mr. Emanuelis ZINGERIS**, the President of the Parliamentary Forum

**10.45-11.10** Welcome address by **Mr. David BAKRADZE**, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

**11.10-11.30** Coffee Break

**CONTEXT AND STAKES OF CONTINUING DEMOCRATIZATION IN EASTERN EUROPE**

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**11.30-12.00** Keynote speech by **Mr. Jerzy BUZEK**, the President of the European Parliament

12.00 Discussion

**WORKING SESSION I:  
DEMOCRATIZATION IN EUROPE'S NEIGHBORHOODS: WHAT IS AT STAKE?**

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*Moderator: Mr. Mantas ADOMĖNAS, the Member of Seimas of Lithuania*

***Completing Democratization in Europe's East:***

12:15-12:30 Presentation by **Mr. Zbignew ROMASZEWSKI**,  
Deputy Marshal of the Senate of Poland

***Ups and Downs of Democratization in Europe's South:***

12:30-12:45 Presentation by **Mateo MECACCI**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of  
the Republic of Italy

***Future of Democracy In Russia: International Stakes:***

12:45-13:00 Presentation by **Mr. Andrei ILLARIONOV**, Former Economic  
Adviser to President Vladimir Putin

13:00-13:15 Discussion

13:15-14:30 Lunch Hosted by the Parliament of Georgia

**WORKING SESSION II: FOCUS ON GEORGIA**

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*Moderator: Mr. Steve NIX - Eurasia Director, International Republican Institute*

***Future of Georgian Democracy, Security Challenges and the integration in the  
European and Euro-Atlantic Institutions***

14:30-14:45 Presentation by **Amb. David SMITH**, Senior Fellow of Potomac  
Institute, Washington DC; Director of Georgian Security  
Analysis Center

***Georgia's Liberal Economic Transformation:***

14:45-15:00 Presentation by **Mr. Kakha BENDUKIDZE**, Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees, Free University of Tbilisi

***Georgia's Democratization and Western Ambition: Opposition Perspective***

15:00-15:15 Presentation by **Mr. Giorgi TARGAMADZE**, Leader of the Parliamentary  
Minority

***Perspectives of Georgia – EU Relations***

15:15-15:30 Presentation by **Amb. Philip DIMITROV**, EU Ambassador to  
Georgia

15:30-15:45 Discussion

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

## **WORKING SESSION III: EUROPEAN CONTEXT OF DEMOCRATIZATION**

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*Moderator: Mr. Ojārs Ēriks KALNIŅŠ, Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of Latvia*

### ***Europeanization from Georgian Perspective***

**16.00-16.20** Presentation by **Mr. David DARCHIASHVILI**, Chairman of the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia

### ***Ukrainian Perspective of Eastern Partnership: Realities and Expectation***

**16.20-16.40** Presentation by **Mr. Borys TARASIUK**, Co-Chairman of the EuroNest Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

### ***American Thinking about Larger Europe***

**16:40-17:00** Presentation by ?? (TBD)

**17.00-17.15** Coffee Break

**17.15-18.15** Discussion and Summing up 1<sup>st</sup> working day of the Parliamentary Forum

**20.00** Dinner hosted by **Mr. David BAKRADZE**, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

## **Friday, May 20**

**10:30-11:45** **Panel Of Speakers**

*Moderator: TBD*

**Mr. David BAKRADZE**, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

**Mr. Emanuelis ZINGERIS**, President of the Parliamentary Forum

**Mr. Hovik ABRAHAMIAN**, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

**Mr. László KÖVÉR**, Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary

**Prof. Vytautas LANDSBERGIS**, Member of the European Parliament

**Mr. Michael TURNER**, Member of the US House of Representatives

**11.45-12.00** Discussion

**12.00-12.15** Coffee Break

**12.15-12.30** *Approval of Parliamentary Forum Tbilisi Declaration*

**12.30-12.45**      *Presentation of the PF Action plan for 2011 – 2012 by **Mr. Emanuelis ZINGERIS**, President of the Parliamentary Forum*

*Adoption of the PF Action plan for 2011 – 2012*

**12.45-13.00**      The ceremony of the signing of Tbilisi declaration  
*(main speakers of the PF meeting)*

Presentation of a book by Larisa BURAKOVA

Family Photo

**13.30-14.30**      Lunch hosted by the Parliament of Georgia

### **CULTURAL PROGRAM:**

**15.15**              Depart for the Museum of the Soviet Occupation

**15.30-16.00**      Tour the Museum of the Soviet Occupation

**16.00**              Depart for the Georgian State Museum of art

**16.05-16.45**      Tour the treasury of the Georgian State Museum of art

**16.45**              Depart for old Capital of Georgia, Mtskheta

**17.15-18.45**      Sightseeing in Mtskheta

**18.45**              Depart for Tbilisi

**19.00**              Official Reception at the Parliament of Georgia

### **Saturday, May 21**

Individual departure of the participants

Transport will be provided by the Parliament of Georgia