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HIGH LEVEL DEMOCRACY MEETING THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY: ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

Vilnius, 29 June – 1 July 2011

DRAFT PROGRAMME

29 June 2011

Arrival of participants

15.00-18.00 Registration at the Seimas (Parliament)
2nd Building
Gediminas Ave.53

19:00 – 21:00 Welcoming reception hosted by Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (by invitation only)
Sky Bar, Radisson Blu Lietuva Hotel, 22nd Floor, Constitution Ave. 2

30 June 2011

Venue: Seimas (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania, March 11 Hall

08.00 – 09.00 Registration at the Seimas (Parliament)
2nd Building
Gediminas Ave.53

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening of the Parliamentary Forum**
Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the Parliamentary Forum
H. E. Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas, Republic of Lithuania
H. E. Mr Audronius Ažubalis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania
Rep. Dan Burton, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, Committee on Foreign Affairs

09.30 – 10.15 **Session I: “On the Road to Democracy: Eastern European Experience and Current Developments”**
Moderated by: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the Parliamentary Forum

Panelists:

Prof. Vytautas Lansbergis, Member of European Parliament, Lithuania
H. E. Mrs. Tsetska Tsacheva, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
Mr. Markus Meckel, Former minister of Foreign Affairs of GDR, Germany
Rep. Dan Burton, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, Committee on Foreign Affairs



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Mr. Michal Tomasz Kaminski, Member of the European Parliament, Poland
Representative Mike McIntyre, Member of the US House of Representatives'
Committee on Armed Services and Member of the US Commission on Security and
Cooperation in Europe
Mr. Boris Tarasiuk, Member of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine

10.15 – 1.45

Discussions

10.45 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30

Press Conference

Press Conference Room, Seimas, 2nd Building

Participants:

Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the Parliamentary Forum
Dan Burton, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on
Europe and Eurasia, Committee on Foreign Affairs
Boris Tarasiuk, Member of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine
Larry Diamond, Stanford University, USA
Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy
Mohammad Alam Ezedyar, First Deputy Speaker of the Senate, Islamic Republic of
Afganistan
Rinchinyam Amarjargal, Member of the Mongolian Parliament

11.30 – 12.20

Session II: “Role of the Parliamentary Forum: Encouraging Effective Democracy Assistance”

Moderated by: Ms Kim Campbell, Chair of the World Movement for Democracy
Steering Committee

Panelists:

Roel von Meijenfeldt, European Partnership for Democracy
Larry Diamond, Stanford University
Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy
Hon. Mohammad Alam Ezedyar, First Deputy Speaker of the Senate, Islamic
Republic of Afganistan
Ambassador Sergio Piazzi, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the
Mediterranean

12.20 – 13.00

Discussions

13.00 – 13.15

Family photo

Historical March 11 Hall



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- 13.15 – 14.00** **Lunch hosted by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris,**
Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, and
President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum (by invitation only)
Seimas Restaurant, 3rd Building
- 14.00-14.25** **Official opening of the Secretariat of Parliamentary Forum for Democracy**
State Enterprise Publishing House of the Parliament *Valstybės žinios* building,
Gynėjų Str. 8
- 14.30 – 15.20** **Session III: “PF Vision: Defining the Global Mission and Future Activities”**
Moderated by: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum
and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Panelists:
H. E. Mr. Irman Gusman, Speaker, Regional Representative Council, Indonesia
Mr. Ahmed Samih Farag, Institute for Tolerance and Anti-Violence Studies, Egypt
Dr. Mantas Adomėnas, Member of the Seimas, Republic of Lithuania, co-founder
of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum, co-founder of the
Parliamentary Group *Human Dignity*
Mr. Rinchinnyam Amarjargal, Member of the Mongolian Parliament
- 15.20 – 16.00 Discussions
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Concluding remarks**
- 18.00 – 19.20 Cultural programme (by invitation only)
- 20.00 Reception hosted by H.E. Mr Audronius Ažubalis, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Lithuania (by invitation only)
