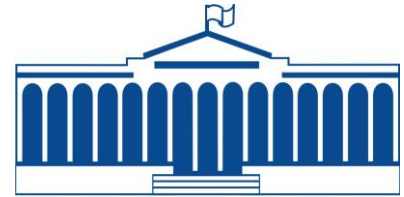




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We, the participants of the Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies meeting in Tbilisi on May 19-20,

Taking note that the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum is a coalition of like-minded democratically elected parliamentarians and former senior parliamentarians who are determined to work together for the cause of advancing and defending democracies;

Expressing our common adherence to the fundamental values and principles enshrined in the Universal Charter of Human Rights;

Expressing strong belief that advance of democracy in the EU's neighborhoods is indispensable for Europe's future;

Supporting efforts to embark on the road of democratic development and reform in the Middle East and North Africa;

Noting with satisfaction the positive impact which democratic revolutions in EU's eastern neighborhood, starting from Georgia's 2003 Rose Revolution, have on a broader region;

Emphasizing that the definitive victory of democracy throughout the EU's European neighborhood is an embedded interest of Europe and the historic goal of making "Europe whole and free;"

Understanding the importance of strong international cooperation in promoting and fostering democracy across the world;

Recalling recent resolutions Resolution on the nomination of Liu Xiaobo for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize (March 12, 2010), Resolution on the situation in Georgia (March 12, 2010), Resolution calling for support of Cuba's pro-democracy movement (March 12, 2010), Final resolution of Parliamentary Forum Krakow meeting (July 3, 2010), Resolution calling for improvement of the political and civil society situation in Belarus (July 3, 2010), Resolution calling for improvement of the political situation in Ukraine (July 3, 2010), and Resolution calling for support of Cuba's pro-democracy movement (July 3, 2010);

Realizing the need to bolster the parliamentary dimension of the Community of Democracies;

We hereby:

Commend the establishment of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies in Vilnius and its regional bureaus in other regions, to guide and facilitate the work;

Express our support to democratic changes in the Middle East and North Africa; **Call upon** the European Union to intensify its support to the countries in democratic transition;

Call upon the European Parliament and European Commission to engage more rigorously in the Eastern neighborhood and support democratic and European way of countries of the Eastern Partnership through available partnership instruments and gradual integration;

Underscore the importance of supporting Georgia's European future and positive impact of Georgia's full integration into the family of democratic nations and its security will have on the entire region;

Warns the international community that Georgia's national security from eventual invasions is not guaranteed yet;

Reiterate full support to Georgia's territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders as set in the Resolution on the situation in Georgia of March 12, 2010;

Call upon the national Parliaments of the EU's neighborhood countries to engage in the work of the Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies.