

## EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENT

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Theme 1: "Parliaments and Civil Society"

Theme 2: "National Parliaments and the Council of Europe: Promoting the core values of democracy, human rights and rule of law"

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### I. Adopted texts of the Parliamentary Assembly

- [Recommendation 1820 \(2007\)](#) , [Resolution 1589 \(2007\)](#) Co-operation between the Assembly and the Conference of INGOs – [Doc 11441](#) (Biberaj)
- [Recommendation 1791 \(2007\)](#) , [Resolution 1547 \(2007\)](#) State of human rights and democracy in Europe – [Doc 11202](#) (Pourgourides) , [Doc 11203](#) (Gross)
- [Recommendation 1704 \(2005\)](#) Referendums: towards good practices in Europe – [Doc 10498](#) (Elo)
- [Resolution 1353 \(2003\)](#) Future of democracy: strengthening democratic institutions – [Doc 9951](#) (Wielowieyski)
- [Resolution 1154 \(1998\)](#) Democratic functioning of national parliaments - [Doc. 7961](#) (Moser)
- [Resolution 1121 \(1997\)](#) Instruments of citizen participation in representative democracy – [Doc 7781](#) (Columberg)
- [Resolution 980 \(1992\)](#) Citizens' participation in politics – [Doc 6537](#) (Haglund)

### II. Parliamentary Hearings

- Market-oriented society, democracy, citizenship and solidarity: an area of confrontation? - Parliamentarians - NGOs Conference (Strasbourg, 31 May - 1 June 1999) <sup>1</sup>
- Seminar on participatory democracy in Central and Eastern Europe today: challenges and perspectives (Vilnius, 3-5 July 1997) <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Conf99NGO-EN.pdf

<sup>2</sup> See Seminar97ParticipatoryDemocracy-EN.pdf

### III. Extracts from former Conferences of Presidents of Parliaments

- “How democratic are our democracies and what can we do to make them more democratic?” presented by Professor Philippe C. Schmitter, European University Institute, Florence, Italy <sup>3</sup>
- “Europe of citizens” ‘Parliaments and participation of citizens’ - Contribution of Mr Sergey Mironov, President of the Council of the Russian Federation <sup>4</sup>
- How to co-ordinate action between national parliaments and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe as well as other European Assemblies in the drawing up and implementation of European norms by Mr Zurab Zhvania, Chairman of the Georgian Parliament <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See AS-PARL-CONF-2004-06-EN.pdf

<sup>4</sup> See AS-INF-PARL-CONF-2004-01-EN.pdf

<sup>5</sup> See AS-PARL-CONF-2000-08-EN.pdf