



## European Conference of Presidents of Parliament

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### PROGRAMME REVISED

#### Thursday 22 May 2008

Arrival of delegations in Strasbourg

11.00 – 19.00

Registration of participants  
*Welcome desk in the Council of Europe*

14.00 – 15.00

Meeting of the secretaries of delegation  
*Room 5*

16.00 – 19.00

**OPENING** of the Conference by the  
President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

#### **THEME 1: “Parliaments and Civil Society”**

##### **a) Interaction between Parliaments and civil society**

*Presentation by*

Mrs Katalin Szili,  
Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly

Mrs Sonja Licht,  
President of the Belgrade Fund for Political  
Excellence

*Debate*

19.30

*Reception dinner hosted for all participants by the City of  
Strasbourg (at the Pavillon Joséphine, in front of the Council of  
Europe)*

**Friday 23 May 2008**

- 9.00 – 10.30 MEETING of the Secretaries General  
*Room 5*
- 10.30 – 11.45 **THEME 1 (continuation)**
- b) Mechanisms for civil society input into parliamentary processes – exchange of good practices**
- Presentation by*  
Mr Per Westerberg,  
Speaker of the Swedish Parliament
- Debate*
- 11.45 – 13.00 **THEME 2: “National Parliaments and the Council of Europe: Promoting the core values of democracy, human rights and rule of law”**
- a) Added value of the Council of Europe as guardian of the core values**
- Presentation by*  
Mrs Jozefina Topalli,  
Speaker of the Albanian People's Assembly
- Debate*
- 13.00 *Photo of the Presidents in the lobby*
- 13.00 *Lunch hosted by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (at the Council of Europe restaurant)*
- 15.30 – 16.00 **THEME 2**
- b) The Role of national parliaments in promoting the core values: exchange of good practices**
- Presentation by*  
Mrs Yvonne E.M.A. Timmerman-Buck,  
President of the Senate of the Netherlands
- Debate*
- 16.30 **Conclusions** presented by the President of PACE
- Around 17.00 Reception for all participants hosted by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (in front of the Hemicycle)*
- End of the Conference