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 Josèphine, in front of the Council of
Europe)
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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