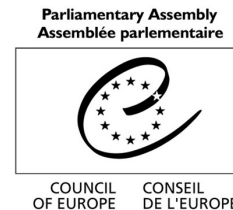


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State of human rights and democracy in Europe

Strasbourg, Chamber of the Assembly
Wednesday 18 April 2007 as from 10 a.m.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

(see also the Draft Order of Business of the April 2007 Part-Session)

- 10 a.m.* Opening by Mr René van der Linden, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Part I - State of human rights in Europe*
- Presentation of the report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and of the opinions
- 10.20 a.m.* Statements by:
- Ms Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Mr Jean-Paul Costa, President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Debate
- 11.30 a.m.* Statements by:
- Ms Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International
 - Mr Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch
- Debate continued
- Reply by the rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
- 12.30 p.m.* *Part II - State of democracy in Europe*
- Presentation of the report by the Political Affairs Committee and of the opinions
- Statement by Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 1 p.m.* *End of the sitting*

3 p.m. *Part II - State of democracy in Europe (continued)*

Statements by:

- Mr Halvdan Skard, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Mr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

Debate

Reply by the rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee

4.30 p.m. *Part III - Monitoring of States' performance*

Presentation of the report by the Monitoring Committee

Statements by:

- Mrs Polonka Končar, President of the European Committee of Social Rights
- Mr Mauro Palma, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture

Debate

Statements by:

- Ms Eva Smith Asmussen, President of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
- Mr Alan Phillips, President of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention on the Protection for National Minorities

Debate continued

Reply by the rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee

6 p.m. *Summing-up by the rapporteurs and chairpersons of the three main committees*

6.30 p.m. *Votes on the draft texts*