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**PROGRAMME
OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF
THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY**

“The OSCE: Addressing New Security Challenges”

Vilnius, 29 June to 3 July 2009

The Inaugural Plenary Session and all other official meetings of the Assembly's bodies will take place on the premises of the Lithuanian Parliament.

Sunday, 28 June

- 12.00 – 20.00 **Registration on the premises of the Lithuanian Parliament**
- 18.00 – 19.00 **Briefing for Secretaries of Delegations**
(March 11 Hall)
- 19.00 – 19.30 **Reception for Secretaries of Delegations hosted by the Parliament of Lithuania**
(Lobby, Building 1)

Monday, 29 June

- 09.00 – 12.00 **Meeting of the Standing Committee**
(Conference Hall)
- 12.00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Inaugural Plenary Session**
(March 11 Hall)
1. Call to order and remarks by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 2. Addresses by host dignitaries
 3. Addresses by Presidents of observer Assemblies
 4. Report by the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on Gender Issues followed by a Debate
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 18.30 **General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions**
(March 11 Hall)
- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Committee
Introduction of the Draft Resolution by the Rapporteur
Debate
- 19.30 – 22.00 **Concert followed by the reception hosted by the Speaker of the Seimas**
Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre

Tuesday, 30 June

- 07.00 – 08.45 **Time reserved for meetings of various groups**
- 09.00 – 11.00 **General Committee on Political Affairs and Security**
(March 11 Hall)
- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Committee
Introduction of the Draft Resolution by the Rapporteur
Debate
- 09.00 – 11.00 **General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology
and Environment**
(Plenary Chamber)
- Opening remarks by the Chair of the Committee
Introduction of the Draft Resolution by the Rapporteur
Debate
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.30 **Special Plenary Session**
(March 11 Hall)
1. Call to Order / Mr. João SOARES, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
 2. Remarks by Mr. Vygaudas USACKAS, Foreign Minister, Republic of Lithuania
 3. Address by Ms. Theodora BAKOYANNIS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE followed by a question and answer session.
- 15.30 – 18.30 **Guided Tour to Trakai**
- 19.30 – 22.00 **Reception hosted by the Lithuanian Delegation**
Belmontas Entertainment and Recreation Center

Wednesday, 1 July

- 07.00 – 08.45 **Time reserved for meetings of various groups**
- 09.00 – 10.30 **General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions**
(March 11 Hall)
- Debate (cont'd)
Consideration of amendments
- 09.00 – 10.30 **General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment**
(Plenary Chamber)
- Debate (cont'd)
Consideration of amendments
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **General Committee on Political Affairs and Security**
(March 11 Hall)
- Debate (cont'd)
Consideration of amendments
- 12.45 – 14.15 **Working Lunch on Gender Issues**
(Seimas Restaurant)
- 14.30 – 16.00 **General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment**
(Plenary Chamber)
- Consideration of amendments and adoption of Resolution
Supplementary Items
- 14.30 – 16.00 **General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions**
(March 11 Hall)
- Consideration of amendments and adoption of Resolution
Supplementary Items
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break
- 16.30 – 18.00 **General Committee on Political Affairs and Security**
(March 11 Hall)
- Consideration of amendments and adoption of Resolution
Supplementary Items
- Evening** **Reserved for Diplomatic Missions**

Thursday, 2 July

- 07.00 – 08.45 **Time reserved for meetings of various groups**
- 09.00 – 11.00 **General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment**
(Plenary Chamber)
- Supplementary Items
Election of the Committee Officers
- 09.00 – 11.00 **General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions**
(March 11 Hall)
- Supplementary Items
Election of the Committee Officers
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Meeting of the Bureau**
(Constitution Hall)
- 11.30 – 13.30 **General Committee on Political Affairs and Security**
(March 11 Hall)
- Supplementary Items
Election of the Committee Officers
- 13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break
- 15.00 – 18.00 **Plenary Session**
(March 11 Hall)
- General debate
- 19.30 – 24.00 **Reception hosted by the Prime Minister followed (22:00) by the evening “Modern Folklore” in the framework of the Song Festival**
Kalnu Park

Friday, 3 July

07.00 – 09.15

Time reserved for meetings of various groups

09.30 – 12.30

Plenary Session

(March 11 Hall)

Report by the Treasurer

Report by the Secretary General

Consideration of Committee Resolutions

Adoption of the Final Document

Election of the Assembly Officers

12:30

Adjournment immediately followed by a reception offered by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

(Lobby, Building 1)

Departure of Delegations

Saturday, 4 July

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