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2 October 2013

**MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE PARLIAMENTARY
FORUM FOR DEMOCRACY**

Parliaments for democracy: towards more ambitious global cooperation

27-28 November 2013
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 27 November

- Arrival of the participants
- 15.00–19.30 Registration at the hotels
- 19.30 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Museum of Applied Arts
- 20.00–22.30 Dinner hosted by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: Museum of Applied Arts, Arsenalo g. 3, Vilnius
- 22.30 Return to the hotels by bus

Thursday, 28 November

- 8.00 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 8.00–8.30 Registration of participants (for those who have not registered yet)
Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas



OPENING SESSION

Venue: Hall of the Act of March 11, Building I of the Seimas

- 8.30–8.40 Opening address by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 8.40–8.50 Opening address by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy
- 8.50–9.00 Welcome address by Mr Petras AUŠTREVICĪUS, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Adoption of the agenda

SESSION 1

THE EUROPEAN UNION EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: TOWARDS MORE AMBITIOUS GLOBAL COOPERATION

Chaired by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

- 9.10–10.10 Keynote speakers:
- Mr Linas LINKEVICĪUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- Mr Elmar BROK, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
- Debate
- 10.10–10.20 Family photo
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas
- 10.20–10.50 Coffee break
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas
- 10.50–12.40 Interventions:
- Mr Vitaliy KALYUZHNYI, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (tbc)
- Ms Ana GUȚU, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- Mr Tedo JAPHARIDZE, Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of Georgia (tbc)

Mr Samad SEYVIDOV, Chair of the Committee on Foreign and Interparliamentary Relations of Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan

Mr Artak ZAKARYAN, Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Debate

- 12.40–13.40 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas
- 12.40 Press Conference
Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas

SESSION 2

DEMOCRACIES IN TRANSITION: LESSONS TO SHARE

Chaired by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

- 13.40–15.40 Keynote speakers:

H. E. Karim GHELLAB, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Morocco

H. E. Igor CORMAN, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

Ms Daw Aung SAN SUU KYI, laureate of the Nobel Prize, Myanmar opposition leader (tbc)

Speakers:

Ms Elisabeth GUIGOU, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly of the Republic of France (tbc)

Ms Karina Ivette SOSA DE LARA, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of El Salvador (tbc)

Mr Pat COX, Member of the European Parliament monitoring mission to Ukraine, former President of the European Parliament

Mr Vitali KLITSCHKO, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Prof Vytautas LANDSBERGIS, Chair of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, Member of the European Parliament

Debate

- 15.40–16.10 Coffee break
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas

SESSION 3

THE ROLE OF GENDER EQUALITY IN BUILDING AND FOSTERING DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Chaired by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

16.10–18.10

Speakers:

Ms Maria LEISSNER, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies (tbc)

Mr Irman GUSMAN, Chair of the Regional Representative Council of the Republic of Indonesia (tbc)

Ms Tawakkol KARMAN, laureate of the Nobel Prize, President of the Organisation *Women Journalists Without Chains* (tbc)

Prof Marija Aušrinė PAVILIONIENĖ, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Chair of the Women's Parliamentary Group

Ms Virginija LANGBAKK, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality

Debate

18.10–18.40

Concluding remarks and adoption of a Declaration

Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

End of the meeting

18.40

Departure by bus for the dinner

19.00–22.00

Dinner hosted by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

22.00

Return by bus to the hotels

Friday, 29 November

Departure of the delegations