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September 15, 2010, Washington, D.C. – The following is a statement by the Parliamentary Forum of the Community of Democracies:

The Parliamentary Forum of the Communities of Democracy, meeting in Washington, D.C. on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, deplores the crackdown by the Russian authorities, ironically enough on this International Day of Democracy-including:

- the arrest of human rights defenders,
- the closing of human rights NGO's,
- the silencing of democratic speech and the repressing the free association and assembly.

We call upon the Russian authorities to release those arrested, to respect the rule of law, and to honor democracy today and every other day.