

# COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES: EMPOWERED, ENERGISED, ENGAGED

## VI MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES

Vilnius, Lithuania  
1 July 2011

Venue:  
Exhibition Centre LITEXPO  
Laisves avenue 5

8.30 am - 9.30 am Registration of participants. Family photo for Heads of Delegations.

9.30 am - 10.30 am **Opening Remarks**

H.E. Mrs. Dalia **Grybauskaitė**, President of Lithuania  
H.E. Mr. Audronius **Ažubalis**, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Lithuania  
H.E. Mrs. Hillary **Clinton**, United States Secretary of State  
H.E. Mr. Jorge **Sampaio**, UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations  
H.E. Baroness Catherine **Ashton**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President the European Commission  
Mr. Mohsen **Marzouk**, Secretary General of the Arab Democracy Foundation (Tunisia)

10.30 am - 1.00 pm

### **The Democracy Partnership Challenge**

Open discussion among Foreign Ministers aimed to assist emerging democracies and countries in transition. The ultimate goal of this session is to provide the Community of Democracies with the means and ideas to facilitate the implementation of the action plans outlined by countries in transition, with a specific focus on Tunisia and Moldova

*Facilitator:* Prof. Dr. István **Gyarmati**, Center for Democracy Public Foundation (Hungary)

#### *Panelists:*

H.E. Mr. H.E. Mr. Aleksander **Kwasniewski**, Chief of Polish Delegation and Special Envoy, Former President of Poland (keynote speaker)  
H.E. Mr. Iurie **Leancă**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Moldova  
H.E. Mr. Mohamed Mouldi **Kefi**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia  
H.E. Mr. Iván **Bába**, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary  
H.E. Mr. Pamphile C. **Goutondji**, Secretary General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, African Integration, Francophonie and Benin Diaspora  
H.E. Mrs. Preneet **Kaur**, Minister of State for External Affairs of India  
H.E. Mr. Uri **Rosenthal**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Dr. Carlos E. **Ponce S.**, General Coordinator, Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Venezuela)

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Lunch / Press Conference.

H.E. Mr. Audronius **Ažubalis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

H.E. Mr. Elbegdorj **Tsakhia**, President of Mongolia

2.30 pm – 3.00 pm

**Award Ceremonies**

Presentation of the Geremek Award

*Prize receiver:* XXXX

*Prize presenter:*

H.E. Mr. Audronius **Ažubalis**, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Presentation of the Palmer Prize for Diplomats

*Prize receiver:* XXXX

*Prize presenter:*

H.E. Mr. Audronius **Ažubalis**, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Mr. Robert **LaGamma**, President of the Council for a Community of Democracies

Mr. Jeremy **Kinsman**, Project Director of the Diplomat's Handbook for Democracy Development Support

Presentation of the National Young Leader's Prize

*Prize receiver:*

Mr. Daniel **Ravinskij**, young leader from Vilnius I. Kraševskis High School, and

Mr. Marius **Šačikauskas**, young leader from Vytautas Magnus University

*Prize presenter:*

H.E. Mr. Audronius **Ažubalis**, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

3.00 pm - 4.30 pm

**Engaging Civil Society**

Open discussion with Ministers of Foreign Affairs aimed at 1) sharing experiences of civil society fighting for and fostering democracy in their own countries and 2) exploring ways to empower and engage civil society as strong and reliable partners in building democracy in the world.

*Facilitator:*

Kim **Campbell**, Former Prime Minister of Canada

*Panelists:*

Mrs. Sally **Sami**, Executive Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (Egypt)

Dr. Wahid **Ferchichi**, Professor of Public Law, Consultant for International Center for Transitional Justice (Tunisia)

Mr. Krzysztof **Zanussi**, Film Director (Poland)

Mr. Paul **Graham**, Chair of the International Steering Committee of the Community of Democracies (South Africa)

4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

### **Many actors, one goal**

*Facilitator:* Mrs. Anita Raynell **Andreychuk**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate, Canada

*Panelists:*

Mrs. Wendy **Patten**, General Rapporteur of the Conference “Women Enhancing Democracy: Best Practices”

Mr. Carl **Gershman**, President of the National Endowment for Democracy  
Prof. Bronisław **Miształ**, Executive Director of the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies

Mr. Ahmed **Farag**, Andalus Institute for Tolerance and Anti Violence Studies

Mr. Robert **LaGamma**, President of the Council for a Community of Democracies

Mr. Emanuelis **Zingeris**, President of the Parliamentary Forum

5.30 pm – 6.00 pm

### Adoption of the Vilnius Declaration and Closing Remarks

#### **From Vilnius to Ulan Bator: A way forward**

*Remarks:*

H.E. Mr. Audronius **Ažubalis**, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

H. E. Mr. Zandanshatar **Gombojav**, Minister of the Foreign Affairs of Mongolia