



# THE PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

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## HIGH LEVEL DEMOCRACY MEETING THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY: ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

Vilnius, 29 June – 1 July 2011

### PROGRAMME

#### **29 June 2011**

Arrival of participants

15.00-18.00

Registration at the Seimas (Parliament)  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Building*  
*Gediminas Ave.53*

19:00 – 21:00

Welcoming reception hosted by Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (by invitation only)  
*Sky Bar, Radisson Blu Lietuva Hotel, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Constitution Ave. 2*

#### **30 June 2011**

#### **Venue: Seimas (Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania, March 11 Hall**

08.00 – 09.00

Registration at the Seimas (Parliament)  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Building*  
*Gediminas Ave.53*

**09:00 – 09:30**

#### **Opening of the Parliamentary Forum**

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the Parliamentary Forum  
H. E. Mrs Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas, Republic of Lithuania  
H. E. Mr Audronius Ažubalis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania  
Rep. Dan Burton, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, Committee on Foreign Affairs

**09.30 – 10.15**

#### **Session I: “On the Road to Democracy: Eastern European Experience and Current Developments”**

Moderated by: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the Parliamentary Forum

#### **Panelists:**

Prof. Vytautas Landsbergis, Member of European Parliament, Lithuania  
H. E. Mrs. Tsetska Tsacheva, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria  
Mr. Markus Meckel, Former minister of Foreign Affairs of GDR, Germany  
Rep. Dan Burton, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Mr. Michal Tomasz Kaminski, Member of the European Parliament, Poland



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Representative Mike McIntyre, Member of the US House of Representatives'  
Committee on Armed Services and Member of the US Commission on Security and  
Cooperation in Europe

Mr. Boris Tarasiuk, Member of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine

10.15 – 1.45

Discussions

10.45 – 11.30

Coffee break

**11.00 – 11.30**

## **Press Conference**

Press Conference Room, Seimas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Building

### Participants:

Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the Parliamentary Forum

Dan Burton, Chairman of the US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on  
Europe and Eurasia, Committee on Foreign Affairs

Boris Tarasiuk, Member of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine

Larry Diamond, Stanford University, USA

Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy

Mohammad Alam Ezedyar, First Deputy Speaker of the Senate, Islamic Republic of  
Afganistan

Rinchinyam Amarjargal, Member of the Mongolian Parliament

11.30 – 12.20

## **Session II: “Role of the Parliamentary Forum: Encouraging Effective Democracy Assistance”**

Moderated by: Ms Kim Campbell, Chair of the World Movement for Democracy  
Steering Committee

### Panelists:

Roel von Meijenfeldt, European Partnership for Democracy

Larry Diamond, Stanford University

Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy

Hon. Mohammad Alam Ezedyar, First Deputy Speaker of the Senate, Islamic  
Republic of Afganistan

Ambassador Sergio Piazzi, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the  
Mediterranean

12.20 – 13.00

Discussions

**13.00 – 13.15**

## **Family photo**

Historical March 11 Hall



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- 13.15 – 14.00**      **Lunch hosted by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris,**  
Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, and  
President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum (by invitation only)  
Seimas Restaurant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Building
- 14.00-14.25**      **Official opening of the Secretariat of Parliamentary Forum for Democracy**  
State Enterprise Publishing House of the Parliament *Valstybės žinios* building,  
Gynėjų Str. 8
- 14.30 – 15.20**      **Session III: “PF Vision: Defining the Global Mission and Future Activities”**  
Moderated by: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum  
and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Panelists:  
H. E. Mr. Irman Gusman, Speaker, Regional Representative Council, Indonesia  
Mr. Ahmed Samih Farag, Institute for Tolerance and Anti-Violence Studies, Egypt  
Dr. Mantas Adomėnas, Member of the Seimas, Republic of Lithuania, co-founder  
of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum, co-founder of the  
Parliamentary Group *Human Dignity*  
Mr. Rinchinnyam Amarjargal, Member of the Mongolian Parliament
- 15.20 – 16.00      Discussions
- 16.00 – 16.30**      **Concluding remarks**
- 18.00 – 19.20      Cultural programme (by invitation only)
- 20.00              Reception hosted by H.E. Mr Audronius Ažubalis, Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Republic of Lithuania (by invitation only)

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