



COMMUNITY  
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## THE PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

### FINAL RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY FORUM KRAKOW MEETING

#### CoD 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting

3 July 2010, Krakow

Commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Community of Democracies;

Acknowledging the efforts of the Permanent Secretariat and the Lithuanian Presidency of the CoD to re-launch the Community and to adopt a work programme to advance democracy worldwide;

Recalling the goals, established in the Vilnius Declaration, setting up the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy adopted in Vilnius, on 12 March 2010;

Reconfirming their commitment to work closely and to make the Parliamentary Forum a truly vibrant contributor to the people's welfare and human rights;

Congratulating the establishment of the Young Leaders Forum on 23 June during the Democracy Days in Vilnius as an official pillar within the Community of Democracies for ensuring youth representation at every level of the Community of Democracies, including ministerial and working group meetings;

#### ***The Parliamentary Forum of the Community of democracies:***

1. Underlines that the Community of Democracies can and should become an effective tool in supporting the growth of democracy worldwide;
2. Undertakes to continue discussions regarding the institutional structure of the PF of the CoD at its Washington meeting in September 2010 with the view of adopting the statute of the PF during the PF meeting in Vilnius in 2011;
3. Agrees to undertake the concrete actions set forth in the Global Democracy Work Plan, aimed at furthering and strengthening democracy worldwide;
4. Encourages promoting transparency, information exchange and awareness of all Community of Democracies initiatives among all the governmental, parliamentary, civil society and youth representatives of the Community of Democracies through web networking, communications, and periodic meetings;

5. Underlines that all the Community of Democracies initiatives, including resolutions, trainings, programs, and international expertise for legislation should be implemented in partnership with the Parliamentary and the Young Leaders Forum members;
6. Encourages the governments and parliaments to develop a concrete global policy in order to counter the effects of world economic crisis on democracy downturn and radicalization of society in weak and even long-standing democracies;
7. Asks for greater respect for human rights and civil liberties, in all CoD countries even in difficult times of terrorist threats, economic crisis, ecological disasters, and mass migration;
8. Urges governments and parliaments to support the democratic opposition that is still fighting for democracy and human rights in totalitarian and authoritarian regimes;
9. Especially invites to support the NGOs working with the vulnerable groups: discriminated and oppressed people, political prisoners and the internally displaced people;
10. Taking into account the experience of two major totalitarian regimes in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Nazi and the Stalinist, which brought along genocide, violations of human rights and freedoms, war crimes and crimes against humanity, calls upon CoD governments and parliaments to pursue policies against xenophobia and aggressive nationalism and employ more effective measures to combat these phenomena as well as to resist rewriting and embellishing the past that stops the full democratization of the countries that have experienced the brutality of these regimes;
11. Encourages the democratic community to provide further support to the democratization in Eastern Europe and the fostering of good neighbourly relations in the region, based on mutual respect and the main principles of the international law;
12. Endorses the *Resolution Calling for Improvement of the Political and Civil Society Situation in Belarus*;
13. Endorses the *Resolution Calling for Improvement of the Political Situation in Ukraine*;
14. Reconfirms its united stance and its adherence to the *Resolution on the Situation in Georgia* adopted at the convening meeting of the Parliamentary Forum in Vilnius, on 12 March 2010;
15. Reconfirms its united stance on situation in Cuba and endorses the *Resolution Calling for Support of Cuba's Pro-democracy Movement*.