Inter-parliamentary Conference

CIVIC REPRESENTATION AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES

with Members of the European Parliament and Members of Parliament of EU Pre-Accession Countries

Belgrade
20 – 21 November 2014

National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
Small Plenary Hall (Mala sala), Trg Nikole Pašića 13, Belgrade

FINAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 November 2014

Co-chaired by Mr Meho Omerović, Chair of Committee on Human and Minority Rights and Gender Equality of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Mr Csaba Sógor, MEP

10:00 – 14:30 Secretariat: Organisational and logistical preparations

14:30 – 15:00 Arrivals and registration

15:00 Opening of the Conference

15:10 – 15:40 Introductory statements

H.E. Ms Maja Gojković, Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia

Mr Ivo Vajgl, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

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European Parliament, Directorate for Democracy Support, Pre-Accession Actions Unit
15:40 – 16:40  National and supranational guarantees – Constitutional norms and electoral systems, their interpretation and the practice

Prof. Giovanni Poggeschi, University of Salento, Italy

Mr Pál Csáky, MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

Questions and debate

16:40 – 17:10  Break

17:10 – 18:20  Beyond protection: promoting reconciliation, preventing security threats – from peaceful coexistence towards integrative citizenship

Mr Meho Omerović, MP, Chair of the Committee on Human and Minority Rights and Gender Equality of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Mr Ivo Vajgl, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

Mr Emir Adzović, Coordinator of the Joint European Union / Council of Europe Project Promoting Human Rights and Minority Protection In South East Europe

Questions and debate

18:20 – 18:30  Concluding remarks

18.30 – 19.15  Guided tour, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

19.15  Departure to the restaurant, bus will be in front of the building

20:00 – 22.00  Official Dinner hosted by Ms Maja Gojković, Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia (On invitation only – Club of Deputies, Tolstojeva 2)
Friday 21 November 2014

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08:45 Arrival of the participants

09:00–09:20 Address by Mr Aleksandar Senić, MP, Chair of the Committee on EU Integration of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

09:20–10:40 National minorities - proactive players for social cohesion?

Mr Csaba Sógor, MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament

Pr. Dr. Tove Hansen Malloy, Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg

Questions and debate

10:40–11:00 Break

11:00–12:00 Debate on experiences in Western Balkans and Turkey on inclusion of minorities and other vulnerable groups

MEPs and MPs of pre-accession countries parliaments, with the participation of representatives of National Minority Councils of Serbia and representatives of civil society organisations

Questions and debate

12:00–12:10 Concluding remarks

12:30 Buffet lunch offered by the European Parliament

(On invitation only – Restaurant of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia)

End of the conference