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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 20 September 2012

Arrival of delegations in Strasbourg

11.00 – 19.00 Registration of participants
Welcome desk in the Council of Europe

14.00 – 15.00 MEETING of the Secretaries of national delegation (Room 5)

15.30 – 19.00 OPENING of the Conference (Assembly Chamber)

by **Mr Jean-Claude Mignon**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
of the Council of Europe

Address by **Mr Thorbjørn Jagland**, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Statement by **Ms Jozefina Topalli**, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania, in respect of
the Albanian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

THEME 1: Future of the European Court of Human Rights – Role of national parliaments

Presentation by:

Sir Nicolas Bratza, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Debate

THEME 2: Is representative democracy in crisis ? Challenges for national parliaments¹

Presentation by:

Mr Jesús Posada Moreno, Speaker of the Congress of Deputies of Spain

Ms Barbara Prammer, Speaker of the National Council of Austria

Mr Marian Lupu, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

Debate

¹ Beginning of theme 2 during Thursday's session if time allows

- 19.15 *Departure of buses to the City Hall*
- 19.30 Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg,
Strasbourg City Hall – Place Broglie

Friday, 21 September 2012

- 8.00 – 9.30 MEETING of the Secretaries General of Parliament (Room 5)
- 9.30 Photo of the Secretaries General in the Assembly lobby
- 9.30 – 13.00 **THEME 2: Is representative democracy in crisis ? Challenges for national
parliaments** (Assembly Chamber)

[Presentation and] debate

THEME 3: Arab revolutions: challenges and opportunities²

Presentation by:

Mr Mustapha Ben Jaafar, President of the National Constituent Assembly
of the Republic of Tunisia

Ms Sabine de Bethune, Speaker of the Senate of Belgium

Mr Cemil Çiçek, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey

Debate

- 13.00 Photo of the Presidents in the Assembly lobby
- 13.00 Official lunch
hosted by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
Blue restaurant of the Council of Europe

- 15.00 – 17.00 **THEME 3 (continuation)** (Assembly Chamber)

Debate

- 17.00 **CONCLUSIONS**
presented by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

- 17.30 Reception hosted by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of
Europe,
Assembly lobby

End of the Conference

² Beginning of theme 3 during the morning session if time allows