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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Programme of the fact-finding visit by

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The situation in Belarus

Minsk, Belarus
25-26 February 2015

Wednesday 25 February

- 08.00 - 08.45 Private meeting with the Italian Ambassador to Minsk, Mr Stefano Bianchi
- 09.00 - 09.45 Meeting with the Chairman of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Andreichenko
- 10.00 - 11.20 Lecture at the Belarusian State University
- 11.30 - 12.30 Meeting with the Chairwoman of the Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections and Holding Republican Referenda, Ms Ermoshina
- 13.40 - 14.40 EU delegation - Private meeting with extra-parliamentary opposition leaders:
- Anatoly Lebedzka, United Civic Party
 - Pavel Severynets, Belarusian Christian Democracy
 - Aleksandr Milinkevich, Movement For Freedom
 - Uladzimir Bukshynov, Movement Tell the Truth
 - Sergey Kalyakin, Just World
 - Aleksei Yanukevich, Belarusian People's Front
 - Iryna Veshtard, Belarusian Social Democratic Party Hramada
- 15.00 - 15.45 Meeting with the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Slizhevsky
- 16.00 - 16.45 Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Makei
- 17.00 - 17.45 Meeting with the Minister of Information of the Republic of Belarus, Ms Ananich
- 18.00 - 19.00 EU delegation - private meeting with NGOs and civil society representatives:
- Valiantsin Stefanovich, deputy of Ales Bialiatsky, Viasna
 - Alleh Hulak, Belarusian Helsinki Committee
 - Andrei Bastunets, Independent Association of Journalists
 - Alexei Kozliuk, Lawtrend
- 19.00 - 20.00 Private meeting with the relatives of political prisoners

Thursday 26 February

- 08.15 - 09.15 Private meeting with the Head of EU Delegation, Ms Maira Mora
- 09.30 - 10.30 Meeting with the Chairman of the Council of Republic of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Myasnikovich
- 10.45 - 11.45 Meeting with the Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Belarus, Mr Miklashevich
- 12.00 - 13.00 Meeting with Chairpersons of standing committees of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus (foreign affairs, death penalty task force, human rights, national relations and media, state-building, local authorities and procedures, national security, health, culture, family and youth policy)
- 13.30 - 15.00 Reception on behalf of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus
- 15.40 - 17.00 Visit of the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk
- 18.00 - 20.00 Reception hosted by the Italian Ambassador with the participation of Council of Europe member and observer States, as well representatives of the international community and of the Orthodox Church