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Revised draft agenda

of the meeting which will take place in Stockholm
Thursday 15 May 2008 from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm and
Friday 16 May 2008 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: The Riksdag - Förstakammarsalen

1. **Agenda**

. Adoption of the revised draft agenda

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2. **Minutes**

. Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg during the 2nd Part Session 2008 (14-18 April 2008)

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3. **The State of Democracy in Europe**

Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC

. Consideration and approval of a draft report; adoption of a draft Resolution and a draft Recommendation

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4. **General policy debate on the political situation in China on the eve of the Olympic Games**

. Appointment of a Rapporteur

. Exchange of views

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5. **Situation in the Middle East**

. Statement by Mr Pavlidis, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, on the preparation of the Tripartite Forum (Rhodes, 11-12 June 2008)

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6. The United Nations – Reform and the Council of Europe member States

Rapporteur: Mr Gross, Switzerland, SOC

. Exchange of views on the UN reform and good global governance with the participation of:

- **Mr Jan Eliasson**, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General in Darfour, Former President of the General Assembly of the UN
- **Mr Frank Belfrage**, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- **Mr Bengt Säve-Soderbergh**, Ambassador, The Four Nations Initiative on Governance and Management for the UN
- **Mr Vidar Helgesen**, Secretary-General of International IDEA

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. Consideration of a draft memorandum

[7. Use by Assembly members of their “double mandate”, national and European

Rapporteur: Lord Tomlinson, United Kingdom, SOC

To be confirmed]

8. Situation in Cyprus

Rapporteur: Mr Hörster, Germany, EPP-CD

. Statement by the Rapporteur on the programme of his visit (15-19 June 2008)

9. Situation in Belarus

. Statement by the Chair of the Sub-Committee, Mrs Hurskainen

10. Request by the Parliament of Kazakhstan for observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly

Rapporteur : Mr Iwiński, Poland, SOC

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. Statement by the Rapporteur

11. Future work

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a. Appointment of Rapporteurs for report

Doc. 11515

. *Fight against extremism: achievements, deficiencies and failures, Ref. 3425, 14.04.08*

Doc. 11512

. *The need for international condemnation of Holodomor (artificial famine) in Ukraine in 1932-1933, Ref. 3423, 14.04.08*

Doc. 11542

. *75th anniversary of mass famine in the territory of the former USSR, Ref. 3435, 18/04/08*

b. Appointment of Rapporteurs for opinion

Doc. 11404

. *Allegations of politically-motivated abuses of the criminal justice system in Council of Europe member states, Ref. 3385, modified on 14.04.08*

c. Reference for taking into account in the report on the Situation in the Middle East

Doc. 11559

. *Prospects for co-operation between the Council of Europe and Israel, Ref. 3341, 18.04.08*

12. Other business

13. Next meetings

. Sub-Committee on the Middle East/Tripartite Forum – Rhodes, 11-12 June 2008

. 3rd part-session (23-27 June 2008)

. 10 September 2008, Paris