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State of human rights and democracy in Europe

**Strasbourg, Chamber of the Assembly
Wednesday 18 April 2007 as from 10 a.m.**

PROGRAMME

(see also the Order of Business of the April 2007 Part-Session)

10 a.m. Opening by Mr René van der Linden, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

Part I - State of human rights in Europe

Presentation of the report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and of the opinions

10.20 a.m. Statements by:

- Ms Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr Jean-Paul Costa, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Debate

11.30 a.m. Statements by:

- Ms Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International
- Mr Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch

Debate continued

Reply by the rapporteur of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

12.30 p.m. *Part II - State of democracy in Europe*

Presentation of the report by the Political Affairs Committee and of the opinions

Statement by Mr Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

1 p.m. *End of the sitting*

3 p.m. Part II - State of democracy in Europe (continued)

Statements by:

- Mr Halvdan Skard, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Mr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

Debate

Reply by the rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee

4.30 p.m. Part III - Monitoring of States' performance

Presentation of the report by the Monitoring Committee

Statements by:

- Mr Jean-Michel Belorgey, General rapporteur and former President of the European Committee of Social Rights
- Mr Mauro Palma, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture

Debate

5.30 p.m. Statements by:

- Ms Eva Smith Asmussen, President of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
- Mr Alan Phillips, President of the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention on the Protection for National Minorities

Debate continued

Reply by the rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee

6 p.m. Summing-up by the rapporteurs and chairpersons of the three main committees

6.30 p.m. Votes on the draft texts