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## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

**Programme of the fact-finding visit by**

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**Rapporteur of the Committee on:**

***The situation in Belarus***

**Minsk, Belarus**  
**23-24 March 2017**

### **Thursday 23 March 2017**

- 08.30 – 09.15 Meeting with Mr Vladimir Andreichenko, Chairman of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly
- 10.00 – 10.30 Meeting with Mr Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus
- 11.00 – 12.15 Participation in the enlarged meeting of the working group of the National Assembly on the study of issues of the death penalty as an instrument of repression used in the Republic of Belarus, chaired by Mr Andrei Naumovich
- 12.00 – 13.30 Meeting with Ms Yelena Anisim, Member of Parliament (Belarusian Language Society)
- 14.00 – 14.45 Meeting with Mr Petr Miklashevich, Chairperson of the Constitutional Court
- 15.00 – 15.45 Meeting with Mr Oleg Slizhevsky, Minister of Justice
- 16.00 – 17.00 Meeting with Mr Mikhail Myasnikovich, Chairperson of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly
- 18.30 – 20.00 Dinner hosted by the leadership of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly

### **Friday 24 March 2017**

- 08.30 – 09.00 Meeting with Mr Jim Couzens, acting Head of the EU Delegation to Belarus
- 09.00 – 10.00 Meeting with representatives of the extraparlimentary opposition:
- Civil campaign "Tell the truth": Ms Tatsiana Karatkevich and Mr Andrei Dmitryeui
  - United Civic Party: Ms Antanina Kavalyova and Ms Hanna Yahorava
  - The Movement for Freedom: Mr Yury Meliashkevch
  - Belarusian Popular Front: Mr Aliaksei Yanukevich
  - Belarusian Christian Democracy: M. Dzianis Sadouski
  - Belarusian Social Democratic Party Hramada: Mr Iryna Veshtard
  - Just World (Party of the Left): Mr Siarhei Kalyakin
- 10.00 – 10.45 Meeting with Mr Vladimir Makei, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 11.00 – 11.45 Meeting with civil society representatives, journalists and human rights defenders:
- Belarusian Helsinki Committee, Mr Aleh Hulak
  - Viasna Human Rights Centre, Mr Valiantsin Stefanovich
  - Belarusian Association of Journalists, Mr Andrei Bastunets
- 12.00 – 12.45 Meeting with Ms Lidiya Ermoshina, Chairperson of the Central Commission of the Republic of Belarus on Elections and Holding Republican Referenda
- 13.30 – 14.00 Interview with the independent news agency *Belapan*
- 14.30 – 15.30 Lecture to students of the Belarusian State University
- 16.00 – 17.00 Interview with *Belarus 1*, channel of the National State Television and Radio Company
- 18.30 – 19.30 Meeting with Ms Anna Kanopatskaya, Member of Parliament (United Civic Party)