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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft programme

Seminar on "The Reinforcement of the Rule of Law in Europe"¹

to take place in Oslo (Norway)
on Tuesday 7 June 2011 at 14 h²

(Stortinget (Norwegian Parliament), Prinsens Gate 26, Oslo 1, Norway - Room N-202
(secretariat mobile: + 33 6 62 27 65 23 (meeting days only))

14 h - 14 h 15 **Introductory statements** by

- Ms Karin Woldseth, Head of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Mr Bjørn Engesland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee
- Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, PACE

14 h15 – 15 h **Topic No. 1: Arbitrary detention**

Chairperson: Ms Karin Woldseth, Head of the Norwegian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Speakers:

- Mr Ales Bialiatski, Chair of the Human Rights Center "Viasna", Belarus
- Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE), member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, PACE
- Ms Berit Lindeman, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Oslo

15 h – 15 h 45 **Topic No. 2: Human Rights Defenders**

Chairperson: Mr. Aage Borchgrevink, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, Oslo

Speakers:

- Mr Yuri Dzhibladze, Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russian Federation

¹ Organised jointly by the Norwegian parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC) and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

² Interpretation is provided in English, French, and Russian.

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- Ms Khadija Ismayilova, Journalist, Baku, Azerbaijan

15 h 45 - 16 h Coffee break

16 h – 17 h 15 **Topic No. 3: Infringements of the Rule of Law**

Chairperson: Mr Bjorn Engesland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee

Speakers:

- Mrs Marieluisse Beck, rapporteur on “The rule of law in Council of Europe member states: upholding the authority of the Parliamentary Assembly’s recommendations”, member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, PACE
- Mr William Browder, Chief Executive Officer of the Hermitage Capital Management, London
- Mr Tom Mayne, researcher, Global Witness, London

17 h 15 Closing statement by Mr Christos Pourgourides, (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

Optional: 17 h 40 : Film: Justice for Sergei, 50 mins, ICU Documentaries Netherlands, presented by William Browder/NHC

NB: Following the film, the Norwegian delegation propose a short sight-seeing tour of Oslo
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