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“OUR CHOICE – EUROPEAN INTEGRATION”

Ljubljana, 19 January 2005

PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME**Tuesday, 18 January 2005**

Arrival of the Council of Europe delegation

Wednesday, 19 January 2005**09:30 - Opening remarks:**

- Mr Tigran TOROSYAN, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia, Head of the Armenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Mr Schnutz Rudolf DÜRR, Head of the Constitutional Justice Division, Venice Commission, Council of Europe

09:50 – 12:30 - MORNING SESSION**“European integration—a wish or a system transformation goal?”****Chair – Mr. Tigran TOROSYAN, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia**

09:55 - “European integration: historical background” –
Mr John HAMER, Consultant, United Kingdom

10:15 - “Political aspects of European integration”-
Mr Erwan FOUERE, Ambassador, Head of the European Commission Delegation to Slovenia

10:35 - Discussion

11:05 - Coffee break

11:20 - “Political aspects of the European neighborhood policy” -
Mr Hans Georg HEINRICH, Professor, Institute for Political Sciences, University of Vienna

11:40 - “Legal aspects: constitutional requirements for system transformation” –
Mr Hans Heinrich VOGEL, Professor, Substitute Member of the Venice Commission

12:00 - Discussion

12:30 - Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 - AFTERNOON SESSION

“Honouring of the Council of Europe obligations and commitments as a necessary condition for European integration”

Chair – Mr Hans Heinrich VOGEL, Substitute Member of the Venice Commission

- 14:35 - “Respect for Council of Europe standards as a means of European integration” –
Mr. Dimitri CONSTAS, Professor, Member of the Venice Commission
- 14:55 - “Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly monitoring procedure” -
Ms Caroline RAVAUD, Head of the Secretariat of the Monitoring Committee, PACE
- 15:10 - Discussion
- 15:40 - Coffee break**
- 16:00 - “Honouring of the Council of Europe obligations and commitments by Armenia” -
Mr Tigran TOROSYAN, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia, Head of the Armenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- 16:20 - “Honouring of the Council of Europe obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan”-
Mr Siyavoush NOVRUZOV MP, Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan
- 16:40 - “Honouring of the Council of Europe obligations and commitments by Georgia”-
Mr Konstantin GABASHVILI, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Parliament of Georgia
- 17:00 - Discussion
- 17:30 - Closing remarks:**
- Mr Schnutz Rudolf DÜRR, Head of the Constitutional Justice Division, Venice Commission, Council of Europe
 - Mr Tigran TOROSYAN, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia, Head of the Armenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Thursday, 20 January 2005

Departure of the Council of Europe delegation