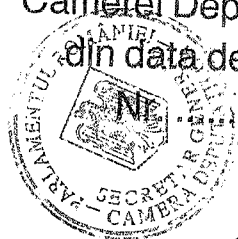


APROBATÎn ședința Biroului permanent al
Camerei Deputaților
din data de 29.08.2011
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B.P. Nr. 817 din 24.08.2011

**PARLAMENTUL ROMÂNIEI
CAMERA DEPUTAȚILOR
Cabinet Secretar general**București, 8.07.2011
Nr.51/**APROB****cu informarea ulterioară
a Biroului Permanent****Vicepreședinte
Adrian Năstase****MEMORANDUM INTERN****Către: Biroul Permanent al Camerei Deputaților****De la: Barbu Gheorghe, Secretar general al Camerei Deputaților****Tema: participarea la lucrările Forumului parlamentar organizat de
Comunitatea Democrațiilor (Washington, SUA, 15 septembrie
2011) cu ocazia jubiliară a Zilei Internaționale a Democrației**

În data de 15 septembrie 2011, la Washington, SUA, se vor desfășura lucrările Forumului parlamentar organizat de Comunitatea Democrațiilor.

Camera Deputaților va fi reprezentată la lucrările acestui Forum parlamentar de domnul deputat **Cezar Preda**, Președintele Comisiei comune permanente a Camerei Deputaților și Senatului pentru exercitarea controlului parlamentar asupra activității SRI, și de domnul deputat **Antal Istvan**.

Acțiunea se încadrează în prevederile art.3, litera e) din HBP nr.1/2003 cu modificările și completările din HBP nr. 5/2007.

Propunem:

- să se aprobe participarea membrilor delegației, menționați mai sus, la această acțiune;

- deplasarea să se efectueze cu avionul pe ruta București- Washington și retur, cu plecare în data de 13.09.2011, ora 13.00, zborul RO 383 și întoarcere în data de 17.09.2011, ora 16.15, zborul RO 382;

- să se acorde drepturi de diurnă categoria a II-a, 100%, pentru 4 ½ zile, cazare plafon B pentru 3 nopți, precum și un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;

- să se suporte din bugetul Camerei Deputaților taxa de viză pentru SUA;

- recalcularea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară, pe baza documentelor justificative.

Secretar general



Gheorghe Barbu

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Grupul parlamentar al UDMR

**Către: Direcția pentru cooperare parlamentară internațională
multilaterală**

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat ANTAL István, la lucrările Formulei parlamentare organizat de Comunitatea Democrațiilor cu ocazia Zilei Internaționale a Democrației, care va avea loc la Washington, în data de 15 septembrie a.c. (perioada de deplasare – 13 – 17 septembrie a.c.).

MÁTÉ András-Levente

Lider Grup





June 29, 2011

Dear colleague,

On behalf of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum for Democracy I cordially invite you to join the Parliamentary Forum meeting in Washington, D.C., on) on September 15, 2011 commemorating the occasion of the International Day of Democracy.

H.E. John Boehner, the Speaker of the House of the Representatives of the United States is scheduled to open the meeting. Members of the U.S. House of the Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the European Parliament, and parliamentarians from countries including Canada, Czech Republic, Georgia, Mexico, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Mongolia, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, USA and others are invited to participate.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for legislative leaders from all over the world to have a dialogue with the leaders from foreign governments, civil society and youth organizations to discuss important security issues facing democracy today including dangers that prospective democracies face in today's world by being tempted to apply alternative authoritarian models to the liberal democracy as well as identifying forces that might push them to do so, and the threats to the democratic community posed by the rise of potential alternatives to the democracy.

The Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum was established in Vilnius in March 2010 on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence. The Parliamentary Forum was established by 43 parliamentarians from Lithuania, Europe, USA, Latin America, and Asia. The Convening Meeting in Vilnius attended by parliamentarians from 18 countries seeking to pursue the ideas of democracy and human rights and freedoms signed the Vilnius Declaration, whereby undertaking to work together to strengthen democracy where it is weak and invigorate it where it is longstanding, to promote peace, development of human rights and freedoms, gender equality and equal opportunities in their respective countries and around the world.

I would be honored by your participation at the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy meeting. This vitally important meeting in Washington will give you an opportunity to network with your fellow legislators from the parliaments around the world.

We are especially grateful for the support of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), International Republican Institute (IRI), and National Democratic Institute (NDI) for this event. Limited resources of assistance will be available on individual cases.

Enclosed is a preliminary program of the Washington DC meeting. Updated program of the meeting will be circulated by the end of August.

We would greatly appreciate if you confirmed your presence by **August 19, 2011** to Ms. Inga Lukavičiūtė, Embassy of Lithuania: inga.lukaviciute@urm.lt; 202-234-5860x130

For more information about the event please contact Mr. Rolandas Kačinskas, Rolandas.kacinskas@urm.lt, 202-234-5860x118

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration and personal esteem.

Emanuelis Zingeris
President
Parliamentary Forum for Democracy
Community of Democracies



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A New Democratic Moment: Lessons for the Arab Spring

**Washington, DC
September 15, 2011**

**Venue: US Congress

Until recent developments in the North Africa and Middle East, the spread of liberal democracy had stalled -- with Freedom House reporting a decline in the advance of democracy over the past five years. While developments in the Arab world hold the promise for a new democratic wave, the outcome of the Arab Spring remains uncertain and democratic progress in the region is unlikely to be linear. The conference is intended to highlight challenges and opportunities that nascent and prospective democracies face in today's world.

Conference participants will discuss the successes and setbacks of democracy over the past several decades and consider their implications for transitions currently underway in North Africa and the greater Middle East. Participants will also discuss the interrelation of democracy and development, and the need to ensure that democracy delivers improved lives for citizens in the Middle East, if recent advances are to be consolidated and sustained. The conference will also address the particular role of parliaments in democratic transitions, and the need to develop parliamentary institutions that are not only democratically elected, but that also govern democratically.

8:45-9:00 AM Registration

9:00-9:45 Opening Remarks

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum (tbc)
Rep. John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (tbc)
Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, U. S. House of Representatives (tbc)
Ms. Irena Degutiene, Speaker of the Lithuanian Parliament (tbc)
Mr. Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament (tbc via Video link)
Mr. Chimed Saikhanbileg, Head of the Democratic Party Fraction of the Mongolian Parliament, Chairman of Mongolia-U.S. Parliamentary group (tbc)

9:45 -11:30 Drawing Lessons from Past Democratic Transitions for the Arab Spring

What lessons can be drawn from the democratic transition experiences in Central and Eastern Europe in context of the Arab Spring? What lessons can be drawn from other successful transitions, such as Indonesia? Will a new democratic moment, recently

witnessed in the Arab world, be sustained and what role can the international community play in supporting these transitions?

Moderators: **Mr. Francis Fukuyama**, SAIS Foreign Policy Institute Senior Fellow (tbc),
Mr. Kenneth Wollack, President of NDI (tbc)

- Rep. from **Tunisia** (tbc)
- Rep. from **Egypt** (tbc)
- Rep. from **Indonesia** (tbc)
- **Rep. Dan Burton**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc)
- **Rep. David Dreier**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc)
- **Rep. David Price**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc)
- **Mr. Vytautas Landsbergis**, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
- **Mr. Boris Nemtsov**, opposition leader, Russia (tbc)
- Rep. from **Poland** (tbc)
- Representative from **Young leaders forum** (tbc)

Comments and discussion of the PF participants

11:45-1:00 PM

Responding to Authoritarian Capitalism and Helping New Democracies Deliver Socio-Economic Development

Despite economic advances under the Chinese model of "authoritarian capitalism," events in the Arab spring remind us that, unless accompanied by political liberalization and democratization, this approach is unlikely to be politically sustainable over the long-run. What role do Western democracies play in ensuring that the authoritarian capitalist systems are forced to play on a level playing field with democratic market economies? How (and can) the West use economic engagement to support political liberalization in authoritarian capitalist systems, such as China and Russia? At the same time, however, new democracies find themselves under pressure to deliver rapid socio-economic development. This is particularly true in the wake of a democratic transitions, where expectations for rapid socio-economic development are often unrealistically high. What role do parliaments play in "helping democracy deliver", particularly in the context of democratic transitions?

Moderator: **Mr. Carl Gershman**, President of NED(tbc)

- **Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**, Congresswoman, U. S. House of Representatives, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Rep. of opposition leader from **China** (tbc)
- **Mr. Marian Lupu**, Speaker of the Moldovan Parliament (tbc)
- **Mr. David Bakradze**, Speaker of the Georgian Parliament (tbc)
- **Ms. Samantha Power**, Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs for the National Security Council (tbc)
- Representative from **Young leaders forum** (tbc)

Comments and discussion of the PF participants

1:00-1:15

Lunch Served

1:15-2:00

Addressing Resilient Authoritarian Rule

Examples of Belarus and Cuba shows that authoritarianism can be sustained even if it fails to deliver modernization. Actually, many observers – journalists, politicians, and activists - have been foreseeing the collapse of the Cuban regime at least since the end of the Cold War, yet Cuba persists. Cuba shares much in common with Belarus. Are Cuba and Belarus special cases with unique forces that do not operate elsewhere? Why have well-educated Cubans and Belarusians failed to produce democracy? What lessons can be drawn from these cases?

Moderators: Mr. David Kramer, Director of Freedom House (tbc) and Mr. Steve Nix, Regional Director for Eurasia, IRI

- Rep. of opposition leader of **Belarus** (tbc)
- Rep. of opposition leader of **Cuba** (tbc)
- **Sen. John McCain**, Senator, U.S. Senate (tbc)
- **Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart**, Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives (tbc)
- Rep. from **Young leaders forum**(tbc)

Comments and discussion of the PF participants

2:00-2:30

Closing remarks

Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum

Adoption of the Resolution of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy

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