

## **MALTESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION ATTENDS THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

The Hon. Francis Agius, MP, leader of the Parliamentary Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, together with the Hon. Joe Debono Grech, MP, the Hon. Marie Louise Coleiro Preca, MP, the Hon. Beppe Fenech Adami, MP and the Hon. Joseph Falzon, MP will be attending the Fourth Part of the 2008 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to be held in Strasbourg between 29<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008.

Mr Demetris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus; Mr Fredrik Reinfeldt, Prime Minister of Sweden; Mr Yavuz Mildon, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe; Mr Jorge Pizarro, President of the Latin American Parliament and Mr Haris Silajdzic, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina are among the leading personalities to address the Parliamentary Assembly during this part session.

Amongst the subjects to be debated during this part session are:-

- the honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- the honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia;
- the candidates for the European Court of Human Rights;
- the situation in Cyprus;
- the OECD and the world economy;
- refreshing the youth agenda of the Council of Europe;
- proposed 42 days pre-charge detention in the United Kingdom;
- the situation of national minorities in Vojvodina and of the Romanian ethnic minority in Serbia;
- the review of the Council of Europe campaign of parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women;
- indicators for media in a democracy;
- the promotion of a culture of democracy and human rights through teacher education;
- draft Council of Europe Convention on access to official documents.

The Assembly is expected to debate under urgent procedure the consequences of the war between Georgia and Russia.

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