

## **MALTESE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO ATTEND THE 4<sup>TH</sup> PART SESSION OF 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 Hon Joe Debono Grech MP, Hon Beppe Fenech Adami MP, Hon Joseph Falzon MP and Hon Marie Louise Coleiro Preca MP shall be attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Part of the 2009 Ordinary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to be held in Strasbourg between 28<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.

Highlights in this part session are the election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and an address by Mr Danilo Túrċ, President of Slovenia.

Other items on the Agenda include:

- The war between Georgia and Russia: one year after;
- The challenges posed by climate change;
- Cultural education: the promotion of cultural knowledge, creativity and intercultural understanding through education;
- Drafting an additional Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights concerning the right to a healthy environment;
- Water: a strategic challenge for the Mediterranean Basin;
- Protection of "whistle-blowers";
- Lobbying in a democratic society (European code of conduct on lobbying).

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