

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

4TH PLENARY SESSION

Athens, 27 – 28 March 2008

Divani Apollon Palace

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 26 March 2008

Arrival of delegations

- 18:00-20:30** Registration of participants
- 20:30** Welcoming of the participants of the 4th Plenary
of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA)
Dinner hosted by the Hellenic Parliament
Poseidon Hall

Thursday 27 March 2008

- 08:00-11:00** Registration of participants
- 09:10** Departure from the hotel
*Only for the members of the Bureau, the Chairpersons of the
Committees, the Ad hoc Committee, the Chairperson of the Working
Group and the Heads of Delegations*
- 10:15** Tour of the Hellenic Parliament
- 10:50** Departure from the Hellenic Parliament
- 11:00 – 11:30** Audience by H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic
Mr. Karolos Papoulias
- 11:35** Departure for the hotel

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 08:30 – 09:30** **Meeting of the parliamentary delegations** for the tenure of the new Bureau of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Parliamentary Committees
Rooms Aristotelis I & Aristotelis II
- 09:30 – 12:00** **Ad hoc Committee on Women’s Rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Countries**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Adoption of the Draft Recommendation
Room Kleoniki
- 10:00 – 12:00** **Informal meeting of the Working Group of Experts on Energy and Environmental issues**
Elaboration of the proposals and positions to be submitted
Preparation for the incorporation of the key messages into the Final Declaration text
Room Platon
- 12:00 – 14:15** **Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Room Aristotelis I
- 12:00 – 14:15** **Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Room Aristotelis II
- 12:00 – 14:15** **Committee on Improving Quality of Life, Exchanges between Civil Societies and Culture**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Room Platon
- 14:15 – 16:00** *Luncheon in honour of the participants of the 4th EMPA Plenary Session*
Poseidon Hall

Resumption of Committee meetings (same rooms)

- 16:00 – 18:00** **Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Adoption of the Draft Recommendation
- 16:00 – 18:00** **Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Adoption of the Draft Recommendation
- 16:00 – 18:00** **Committee on Improving Quality of Life, Exchanges between Civil Societies and Culture**
Discussion on the Draft Recommendation and adoption of amendments
Adoption of the Draft Recommendation
- 20:00 – 21:15** **Meeting of the EMPA Bureau**, followed by a **working dinner** hosted by the EMPA President and President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr Dimitrios Sioufas in honour of the members of the Bureau, the Committee Chairpersons, the Chairwoman of the Ad hoc Committee and the Chairman of the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure
Room Aristotelis III, Mythos Restaurant
- 20:00** **Dinner** in honour of the participants of the 4th EMPA Plenary Session
Poseidon Hall

Friday, 28 March 2008

PLENARY SESSION
Room Aristotelis 1,2 & 3

DRAFT AGENDA

- 08:45** Arrival of participants
- 09:00 – 09:10** Opening of the 4th Plenary Session by the EMPA President and President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr. Dimitrios Sioufas
- Adoption of the Draft Agenda
- 09:10 – 09:40** Opening Plenary Addresses by:
- Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission
 - Mr. Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Mr. Yannis Valinakis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic
- 09:40 – 10:00** *Official opening of the 4th Plenary Session by*
H.E. Mr. Kostas Karamanlis, Prime Minister
of the Hellenic Republic
- Welcoming address by the EMPA Bureau members:
- Mr. Fouad Mebazaâ, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the
Tunisian Republic
- Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament
- Dr. Ahmed Fathy Sorour, President of the People's Assembly of the
Arab Republic of Egypt
- 10:00 – 10:45** **Subject: “Energy and Environment: perspective for the Euro -
Mediterranean Cooperation”**
- Intervention by the EMPA President and President of the Hellenic
Parliament Mr Dimitrios Sioufas
- Keynote Speakers on Energy:

- Mr Andris Piebalgs, EU Commissioner (tbc)
- Mr. Michael Caramanis, President of the Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE)

Keynote Speaker on Environment:
 - Mr Stavros Dimas, EU Commissioner

- 10:45 – 12:45** Plenary debate
- 12:45-12:50** Family photo
Only for the members of the Bureau, the Chairpersons of the Committees, the Chairwoman of the Ad hoc Committee, the Chairperson of the Working Group and the Heads of Delegations
- 13:00 – 15:00** **Official luncheon** by the EMPA President and President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr Dimitrios Sioufas in honour of the participants of the 4th EMPA Plenary Session
Poseidon Hall
- Resumption of the works. Presidency of the B' Vice-President of the Hellenic Parliament, Mrs. Elsa Papadimitriou**
- 15:00 – 16:00** Plenary debate
- 15:00 – 16:00** *Meeting of the Drafting Committee on the integration of the key points of the Plenary Debate on “**Energy and Environment: perspective for the Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation**” into the Draft Declaration Room **Kleoniki***
- 16:00 – 17:00** Presentation by the Committees of the Draft Recommendations
 Adoption by the Plenary
- 17:00 – 17:15** Presentation and adoption of the Final Declaration of the Presidency
- 17:15 – 17:30** Announcements by the EMPA President and President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr Dimitrios Sioufas
 Adoption of the amendments on the Rules of Procedure
 Review of the Assembly’s work during the first four years of its operation (2004 – 2008) and prospects for the future
- 17:30 – 17:45** Election of the new Bureau of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Parliamentary Committees

17:45 – 18:00 Address by the new President of the Assembly

Closure of the 4th EMPA by the President of the Assembly and President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr. Dimitrios Sioufas

18:00 – 18:30 Press Conference by the EMPA President and President of the Hellenic Parliament Mr. Dimitrios Sioufas, in the presence of the members of the outgoing Bureau and the members of the new Bureau
Room Kleoniki