

Conference to Honor International Day of Democracy (September 18, 2013 in Washington DC)
The Role of Parliamentarians in Strengthening Democracy

A Conference to Honor International Day of Democracy
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the European Union

Washington, D.C., September 18, 2013

Cannon Caucus Room, U.S. House of Representatives

12:45-1:15 Registration

1:15-1:55 Opening session

Chair: **Matyas Eorsi**, Secretary-General, Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

Hon. John Boehner, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Introduced by **Mr. Lincoln Diaz-Balart**, former member of the US House of Representatives
Emanuelis Zingeris, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Forum for Democracy
Dr. Vydas Gedvilas, Speaker, Lithuanian Parliament
Eric Cantor, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. David Price, House Democratic Partnership and Governing Council
Parliamentary Forum for Democracy
Natalia Gherman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European
Integration, Moldova
Ambassador Maria Leissner, Secretary General, Community of Democracies
Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of
Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, US Department of State
Rep. Peter Roskam, U.S. House of Representatives

2:00-5:00 Developing a Role for the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

1. (2:00-2:50)—Assisting Democracy in the Middle East in the Aftermath of the Arab Uprisings

Chair: **Leslie Campbell**, National Democratic Institute, MENA Region Director

Karim Ghellab, President of the Assembly of Representatives (Morocco)
Marka Bouaida, PFD Governing Council (Morocco)
Jerzy Pomianowski, European Endowment for Democracy
Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, U.S. House of Representatives
Irwin Cotler, MP (Canada)

2. (2:55-3:45)—*Injecting Life into the Inter-American System*

Chair: **Carl Gershman**, President, National Endowment for Democracy

Mario Diaz-Balart, U.S. House and PFD Governing Council

Laura Alonso, PFD Governing Council (Argentina)

Jorge Luis García Pérez “Antúnez”, Secretary General of the Cuban National Civic Resistance Front

(3:45-3:55)- *Break*

3. (3:55-4:45)—*Developing the Eastern Partnership*

Chair: **Lorne Craner**, **International Republican Institute**

Prof. Vytautas Landsbergis, MEP (Lithuania)

Michal Kaminski, MEP (Poland)

David Bakradze, MP, Minority Leader of the Parliament (Georgia)

Rep. William R. Keating, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

4:50-5:00—*Concluding Remarks*

Martin Frost, Chairman of Board, NED

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