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CONFERENCE ON MEDIA FREEDOM AND THE SECURITY OF JOURNALISTS

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**the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**

and

**the French Senate
Committee on Culture, Education and Communication**

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Opening session (9.00 – 9.30)

Opening speeches:

- [Mr Gérard Larcher, President of the French Senate [tbc]
- Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the PACE
- Ms Catherine Morin-Desailly, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Education and Communication of the French Senate
- Ms Ana Guțu, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Median of the PACE

Session 1: Reinforcing the protection of journalists against physical attacks (9.30 – 11.00)

Moderator: Mr Gérard Davet, *Le Monde* (France)

Speakers:

- Mr Claudio Fava, Vice-President of the parliamentary committee on fight against the mafia, Chamber of Deputies (Italy)
- Ms Masih Alinejad, journalist (Iran) [tbc]
- Ms Oksana Romaniuk, journalist, President of the Media Institut (Ukraine)

Discussion

Session 2: Protecting journalists' and media freedom from misuse of the law (11.00 – 12.30)

Moderator: Ms Liliane Landor, *British Broadcasting Corporation* (United Kingdom)

Speakers:

- Mr Murat Yetkin, journalist, Director of the *Hurriyet Daily News* (Turkey) [tbc]
- Mr Dániel Rényi, journalist, *Committee to Protect Journalists* (Hungary) [tbc]
- Mr Ales Bialiatski, activist (Belarus)

Discussion

Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of an Internet platform to promote the protection of journalists (12.30-13.00)

Speeches:

- Mr Didier Reynders, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Belgium, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe [tbc]
- Mr Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development of France and/or Ms Fleur Pellerin, Minister of Culture and Communication of France [tbc]
- Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Lunch [13.00 – 14.30]

Session 3: Towards an early warning and rapid response mechanism of the Council of Europe for the protection of media freedom and the security of journalists (14.30 – 16.30)

Round-Table

Moderator: Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Speakers:

- Mr Gvozden Flego, Rapporteur of the PACE on the protection of media freedom in Europe
- Mr Jérôme Bouvier, Ombudsman of *Radio France*, founder and organiser of the “Assises du journalisme”
- Representatives of the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of an internet-based platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists

Discussion

Closing of the Conference (16.30)