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## Council of Europe Congress to observe repeat partial municipal elections in Azerbaijan

Strasbourg, 29.09.2006 – A delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is to visit Azerbaijan from 4 to 7 October to observe the repeat partial municipal elections, to be held on 6 October.

On 4 and 5 October, the delegation, headed by Ludmila Sfirloaga (Romania, SOC), will meet representatives of the Government, of the Parliament and of the Central Electoral Commission. The delegation will also meet leaders of the political parties and representatives of the civil society, as well as long-term observers in several municipalities.

The Congress observers will hold a press conference at the Office of the Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General in Azerbaijan on 7 October (time to be confirmed).

### Composition of the delegation:

**Mrs Ludmila Sfirloaga**, Vice-President of the Congress, Councillor, Prahova County Council (Romania, SOC)

**Ms Brith Fäldt**, Councillor, Pitea (Sweden, SOC)

**Mr Mihkel Juhkami**, Chair, Rakvere City Council Congress (Estonia, EPP)

**Mr David Lloyd-Williams**, Councillor, North-Yorkshire County, (UK, ILDG)

**Mrs Véronique Moreira**, Regional Councillor of Rhône Alpes (France, SOC)

**Mr Paolo Rondelli**, Municipal councillor of San Marino (San Marino, SOC)

**Ms Antonella Cagnolati**, Deputy Chief Executive of the Congress

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