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PACE delegation to observe parliamentary elections in Turkey

Strasbourg, 17.07.2007 - A 32-member delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), headed by Luc Van den Brande (Belgium, EPP/CD), will observe the parliamentary elections in Turkey on 22 July.

The delegation will be in the country from 19 to 23 July. It will meet representatives of political parties, electoral officials and members of civil society and will deploy around the country to observe the voting in a representative cross-section of polling stations.

The observers will announce their conclusions at a **final press conference on 23 July at 11.30 a.m. in the Swissotel** (Yildizevler Mahallesi, Jose Marti Cad. No 2, Çankaya, Ankara).

Members of the delegation

Luc Van den Brande, Head of Delegation

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Hanne Severinsen (Denmark)

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