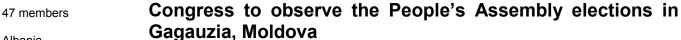
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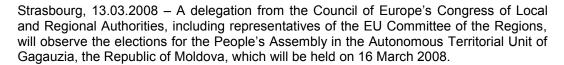
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In Chisnau on 14 March, the delegation will meet the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Andrei Stratan, President of the Moldovan Parliament Marian Lupu, and Minister of Local Public Administration Valentin Guznac. Other meetings are scheduled with representatives of the Central Electoral Commission of Moldova and with NGOs operating in the region.

On Saturday 15 March, the delegation will be deployed to Gagauzia, where members will meet representatives of the regional government and parliament, as well as candidates running for elections, prior to observing the voting in a cross-section of polling stations on 16 March.

The delegation will hold a **press conference at 10am on Monday 17 March** at the Infotag News Agency in Chisinau.

### **Members of the Congress delegation**

**Karsten Behr**, Member of Parliament, Niedersächsischer Landtag (Germany, EPP/CD) – **Head of Delegation** 

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Helena Pihlajasaari, Chair of the Board, Regional Council of Centra Finland, Vice-Chair

of the Municipal Council of Laukaa (Finland, SOC)

Dominique Ronga, Vice-President of the Regional Council of Lorraine, Responsible for

interregional relations and decentralised co-operation, (France, SOC).

#### Members of the EU Committee of the Regions

**Uno Silberg**, Vice-President of the External Relations Commission, CoR (ET/UEN-EA) **Sharon Taylor**, Member of the External Relations Commission, CoR (UK/PES) **Heini Utunen Ziv**, Member of the External Relations Commission, CoR (FI/ALDE)

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