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PACE delegation to observe parliamentary elections in Serbia

Strasbourg, 06.05.2008 – A 29-member delegation from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) headed by Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD) will observe the parliamentary elections in Serbia on 11 May, alongside observers from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

The delegation will be in the country from 9 May and will meet the Chair of the Electoral Commission, representatives of political parties, civil society and the media and members of the diplomatic corps before observing the polling and the counting of votes in Belgrade and throughout the country.

The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is also sending an observer team to the local elections being held at the same time.

In April 2008, PACE conducted a pre-electoral visit, the conclusions of which can be found at the link below.

A press conference will be held on Monday 12 May at 12.00 am, in the Belgrade Media Centre (Milentija Popovica 9, Sava Centre).

NB: The press conference will be in two parts: PACE will first present its preliminary conclusions on the parliamentary elections and the Congress delegation will then comment on the local elections and the provincial elections in Vojvodina.

[Link to the provisional list of delegation members](#)

[Link to the full text of the pre-electoral statement \(10 April 2008\)](#)

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The Parliamentary Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.

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Political Groups: EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party); SOC (Socialist Group); EDG (European Democratic Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe); UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).