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Chemical munitions in the Baltic Sea on agenda of PACE Standing Committee meeting in Stockholm

Strasbourg, 26.05.2008 – The Standing Committee (*) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) will meet in Stockholm on Thursday 29 May 2008 at the invitation of the Swedish Parliament. After the opening of the meeting by Lluís Maria de Puig, President of PACE, and a welcome address by Per Westerberg, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament, the Committee will discuss the priorities of the Swedish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers - the Council of Europe's executive organ - with Cecilia Malmström, Swedish Minister for European Union Affairs. They will also meet with Erkki Tuomioja, President of the Nordic Council.

The parliamentarians will then discuss the issue of chemical munitions buried in the Baltic Sea, on the basis of a report by Gediminas Jakavonis (Lithuania, ALDE). The rapporteur appeals for a global solution to the problem and urges the United Kingdom and United States governments and NATO to immediately declassify military information on the location of all chemical munitions dumped in the Baltic Sea.

Other topics on the agenda include the use of the experiences of "truth commissions" (Andreas Gross, Switzerland, SOC) and the potential of e-learning for education and training (Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD), as well as the observation of the recent parliamentary elections in Serbia and Georgia.

The Standing Committee meeting, which is open to the press, will take place on Thursday 29 May 2008 (from 1.30 to 5.30 pm) at the Riksdag, Förstakammarsalen (former First Chamber), SE – 10012 Stockholm.

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(*) The Standing Committee has about 80 members from the 47 parliaments of the Council of Europe member states. It acts on behalf of the Assembly between plenary sessions.

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

President: Lluís Maria de Puig (Spain, SOC) ; Secretary General of the Assembly: Mateo Sorinas.

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).