

# Press Release

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## PACE Standing Committee meets in Paris

Strasbourg, 10.03.2009 – [Better prevention of environment-related health hazards](#) and [riots in European cities](#) are among the issues to be debated at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), taking place in Paris on Friday 13 March 2009.

The meeting will be opened by PACE President Lluís Maria de Puig, followed by an exchange of views among the parliamentarians on the Assembly's co-operation with its institutional partners in election observation.

Also to be debated are reports on [mobilising parliaments for Africa's development](#), [women in prison](#), and [promoting the participation of children in decisions concerning them](#).

The Standing Committee, which acts on behalf of the Assembly between plenary sessions, brings together around 80 parliamentarians from the 47 member states of the Council of Europe.

Meeting a day earlier, on 12 March, the Bureau of the Assembly will also decide on the winner of the first ever [Parliamentary Assembly Human Rights Prize](#).

[Draft agenda](#) (PDF)  
[Working documents](#)

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*The meeting, which is open to the press, will take place in Paris on Friday 13 March 2009 from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the National Assembly (Lamartine Room), 101 rue de l'Université, Paris 7e (Métro: Invalides/Assemblée nationale).*

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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 Democrat Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe); UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).