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PACE President makes official visit to Moldova

Strasbourg, 19.03.2010 – Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), will make an official visit to Moldova from 22 to 25 March 2010, where he aims to promote stability and fully functioning democratic institutions, and contribute to moving the current political situation in the country forward.

In Chişinău he is due to meet the Acting President and Speaker of Parliament Mihai Ghimpu, as well as members of the government, and the heads of the different parliamentary groups and main political parties. On Thursday he will address a plenary session of the Parliament.

*Mr Çavuşoğlu will give a joint **press conference**, along with Acting President Ghimpu, at 11 a.m. on Thursday 25 March (place to be confirmed).*

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Visite officielle du Président de l'APCE en Moldova

Strasbourg, 19.03.2010 – Le Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe (APCE), Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, effectuera une visite officielle en Moldova du 22 au 25 mars 2010, en vue de promouvoir la stabilité et le bon fonctionnement des institutions démocratiques et de contribuer à faire progresser la situation politique actuelle.

À Chişinău, il rencontrera le Président par intérim et Président du Parlement, Mihai Ghimpu, et des membres du gouvernement, ainsi que les présidents des différents groupes parlementaires et des principaux partis politiques. Jeudi, il s'exprimera devant le Parlement réuni en plénière.

*M. Çavuşoğlu et le Président par intérim, M. Ghimpu, donneront une **conférence de presse commune le jeudi 25 mars à 11 heures (lieu à confirmer).***

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

President: Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) – 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).