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Local elections in Georgia: Congress pre-election delegation heads for Tbilisi

Date: 3-4 May 2010

Location: Tbilisi (Georgia)

A delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, headed by Günther Krug (Germany, SOC), will carry out a pre-electoral mission to Georgia, in view of the local elections and the first ever elections of the Mayor of Tbilisi, scheduled for 30 May 2010.

The delegation will meet with representatives of government, opposition and electoral bodies, as well as with the Georgian delegation to the Congress. Views will be exchanged with members of the OSCE/ODIHR delegation and with members of the diplomatic community, as well as with media representatives.

Members of the delegation:

Günther KRUG (Germany, SOC), Member of the Berlin Parliament – **Head of Delegation**

Mihkel JUHKAMI (Estonia, EPP-CD), Chair of the Rakvere City Council

Nigel Mermagen (UK, ILDG), Councillor, South Somerset District Council

Véronique MOREIRA (France, NR) Regional Councillor, Rhône-Alpes Region

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It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress: Yavuz Milden (Turkey, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Regions: Ludmila Sfirloaga (Romania, SOC),

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).

Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).