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PACE delegation makes pre-electoral visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Strasbourg 09.09.2010 – A five-member delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), led by Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), will carry out a pre-electoral mission to Sarajevo and Banja Luka from 12 to 15 September 2010, ahead of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 3 October, to assess the electoral framework and campaign.

The delegation will meet representatives of the authorities and of several political parties. Talks will also be held with the Central Electoral Commission, the Head of the OSCE mission in the country, the Bosnia and Herzegovina delegation to PACE and also representatives of civil society and the media.

A full 30-member delegation from the Assembly will be in the country on the day of the vote to observe the elections.

A press conference is scheduled for 15 September at midday in the Parliament building (time to be confirmed).

Members of the delegation

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)

Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco

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Arben Ahmetaj, Albania

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Jørgen Poulsen, Denmark

European Democrat Group (EDG)

Karin S. Woldseth, Norway

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Tiny Kox (Head of delegation), Netherlands

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