

# Press Release

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## PACE to observe election of the Palestinian Legislative Council

Strasbourg 18.01.2006 - A 9-member Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) delegation (\*), lead by Lord Russell-Johnston (United Kingdom, ADLE), will observe the election of the Palestinian Legislative Council to be held on 25 January 2006.

During their visit to Ramallah and Jerusalem, from 23 to 26 January, the parliamentarians will meet with representatives of the political parties, the President of the Palestinian Authority, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council and the Chair of the Central Electoral Commission, as well as with representatives of the European Union Mission, the United Nations and NGO's.

On the election day, PACE observers will be deployed in both the West Bank and Gaza.

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(\*)The members of the delegation are:

Lord RUSSELL-JOHNSTON, Head of Delegation

### Socialist group (SOC)

Fatima ABURTO	Spain
Josette DURRIEU	France
Ruth-Gaby VERMOT-MANGOLD	Switzerland

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

Renzo GUBERT	Italy
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### Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Lord RUSSELL-JOHNSTON	United Kingdom
Maximilian REIMANN	Switzerland

### European Democrat Group (EDG)

Mikhail MARGELOV	Russia
Toomas ALATALU	Estonia

### Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Tiny KOX	Netherlands
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The Parliamentary Assembly brings together 315 members from the national parliaments of the 46 member states.

President: René van der Linden (Netherlands, EPP/CD); Secretary General of the Assembly: Bruno Haller.

Political Groups: SOC (Socialist Group); EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe); EDG (European Democratic Group); UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).