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Local elections in Moldova: Council of Europe Congress carries out a pre-electoral visit in Chisinau

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A delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, headed by Britt-Marie Lövgren, Sweden (ILDG), will carry out a pre-electoral mission to Moldova, in view of the upcoming local elections scheduled for 5 June 2011.

The delegation will meet notably: Mr. Marcel Raducan, Minister of Regional Development and Construction; Mr. Pavel Filip, Minister of Information Technologies and Communications, Mrs. Victoria Cujba of the State Chancellery as well as the inter-parliamentary working group on amendments to the Electoral Code. Meetings with Mr Iurie Ciocan, Chairman of the Central Election Commission and Mr. Dorin Chirtoaca, Mayor of Chisinau municipality are also scheduled.

In addition, the pre-election delegation will meet representatives of political parties, members of the Moldovan delegation to the Congress as well as representatives of international organisations, NGOs and media.

A larger Congress delegation – including members of the EU-Committee of the Regions – will be in the country from 1 to 6 June to observe the elections.

Members of the Congress pre-election delegation:

Mrs Britt-Marie Lövgren, Sweden (ILDG) (Head of delegation)
Mr Enzo Brogi, Italy (SOC)
Mrs Sevdia Ugrekhelidze, Georgia (EPP/CD).

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President of the Congress: Keith Whitmore (United Kingdom, ILDG), President of the Chamber of Regions: Herwig van Staa (Austria, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Jean-Paul Frécon (France, SOC)

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