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PACE debate on illicit trafficking in human organs in Kosovo (*) set for Tuesday morning

Strasbourg, 24.01.2011 – Following the adoption of its agenda this morning, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) will debate the report by Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) on "Inhuman treatment of people and illicit trafficking in human organs in Kosovo" on Tuesday 25 January at 10 a.m., instead of at 3 p.m. as originally foreseen.

The vote should take place around 4 p.m, and Mr Marty will give a press conference at 4.30 p.m. (Room 1, Palais de l'Europe) along with Jean-Charles Gardetto (Monaco, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "The protection of witnesses as a cornerstone for justice and reconciliation in the Balkans" and Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Assembly's Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

[Mr Marty's report](#)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Online

Both debate and press conference will be webcast live at the [WebTV page](#) on the Council of Europe web portal, in the original language, English and French (as well as German, Italian and Russian for the debate).

The result of the vote, any adopted text and a verbatim record of the debate (in English and French) will be posted on the [Assembly's website](#) as soon as they become available.

A video recording of the press conference will also be posted around two hours after it takes place on [this page](#).

TV/radio

No television cameras are permitted in the Chamber, though accredited TV crews may film from the Visitors' Gallery. High-quality video or audio footage of plenary proceedings can be requested from the Council of Europe Audiovisual Service (e-mail tvcoord@coe.int, tel. +33 3 88 41 35 00). Bookings for limited studio and editing facilities can also be made. Highlights of the debate and the press conference will be made available as soon as possible through the Eurovision (EBU) network.

Photos

High-resolution digital photos of the debate and press conference are available for download from [this page](#).

Accreditation

Journalists interested in attending the debate or press conference are invited to request accreditation from Danielle Schreiber-Somoza of the Council of Europe Directorate of Communication, e-mail danielle.schreiber-somoza@coe.int, tel. +33 3 88 41 25 44.

Interview requests

Requests for interviews with Mr Marty should be made to Catherine Becarmin of PACE Communication Division, e-mail catherine.becarmin@coe.int, tel. +33 3 88 41 31 93. Because of time constraints, it is likely that not all requests can be met.

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*All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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).