



**COMMITTEE ON IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, HUMAN
EXCHANGES AND CULTURE**

Rome, 15 Friday 2008 (Montecitorio Palace, Sala della Regina)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

10 – 10.15 a.m.	<p>Opening of proceedings</p> <p>Welcome addresses by:</p> <p>Fausto BERTINOTTI, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies <i>(to be confirmed)</i></p> <p>Franco MARINI, President of the Italian Senate <i>(to be confirmed)</i></p> <p>Adoption of the agenda and of the minutes of the previous meeting</p>
10.15 – 11.30 a.m.	<p>Exchange of views on root causes of migration phenomena in the Mediterranean region and on prospects for enhancing international cooperation mechanisms.</p> <p>Statement by the Chair of the Committee on Culture on the outcome of the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Meeting on Migration of 19th November 2007 in Portugal</p> <p>Introductory speeches by the Deputy Chairpersons of EMPA Committee on Culture, Milhoud Chorfi (National Assembly - Algeria) and Omar Adkhil (Chamber of Counsellors – Morocco) <i>(to be confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Any other speeches by external experts to be finalised</i></p> <p>Debate</p>
11.30 – 11.45 a.m.	<p>Coffee break</p>
11.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<p>2008: the Euro-Mediterranean year of dialogue between cultures</p> <p>The voice of Parliaments ahead of the First Meeting of Euro-Mediterranean Ministers of Culture to be held in Greece in May 2008</p> <p>Introductory speeches to be finalised</p> <p>Debate</p>



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1.00 - 2.30 p.m.	Working buffet luncheon at the Chamber of Deputies (Sala Gialla and Sala del Cavaliere)
2.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Follow up on the “Horizon 2020” programme for the Mediterranean Sea Committee Rapporteurs: Mr. Carlos CARNERO GONZALEZ (European Parliament) and Mrs. Ibsam MIKHAIL (People’s Assembly - Egypt) Desertification in the Mediterranean basin, with a special emphasis on access to water as a right for all Debate
3.30 – 4.15 p.m.	Activities of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) and its relations with the EMPA Committee Rapporteurs: Mr. Jean-Claude GUIBAL (National Assembly - France) and Mr. Mahmoud KAROUI (Chamber of deputies - Tunisia) Debate
4.15 - 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Communication by the Chair on the second meeting of the Working Group on the establishment of a Euro-Mediterranean University Activities of the Euro-Med Youth Parliament Any other business. End of proceedings.