



**Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation
between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
and the European Association of Former Members of Parliament
of the Member States of the Council of Europe**

1. The purpose of this *Memorandum* is to increase co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Association of Former Members of Parliament of the Member States of the Council of Europe, particularly with a view to promoting dialogue and enhancing a partnership which is beneficial to both parties.
2. The European Association of Former Members of Parliament reaffirms the importance it attaches to the core objectives of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly, namely protecting human rights, parliamentary democracy and the rule of law and promoting awareness of a European identity based on shared values and transcending cultural differences.
3. The European Association of Former Members of Parliament shall be run under the patronage of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
4. One of its chief aims shall be to make the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe better known, particularly through the regular exchange of information via Internet sites.
5. For the purpose of its activities, the Parliamentary Assembly may, if it wishes, call on the experience and expertise of members of the Association.
6. The European Association of Former Members of Parliament may appoint representatives to attend plenary sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, as well as other public meetings dealing with topics on which the Association is working. It may also invite the Parliamentary Assembly to take part in any colloquies or seminars it holds.
7. The Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe shall facilitate the dissemination of statements and declarations arising from colloquies or seminars held by the Association.
8. The Secretariat of the Association shall call on the Assembly Secretariat to help it organise some of its meetings on Council of Europe premises.
9. This *Memorandum* shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done in Paris on 7 September 2009

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