

Pre-election visit to Baku by a PACE delegation

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A five-member delegation of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly consisting of one representative for each of the five political groups and headed by Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) will be visiting Azerbaijan from 15 to 18 September 2008 in the run-up to the presidential election scheduled for 15 October.

The delegation is due to hold meetings in Baku with the President of the Republic, the Speaker of Parliament, the Ministers of the Interior and Justice, the President of the Constitutional Court, the candidates in the election, the Chair of the Central Electoral Commission and representatives of civil society and the media.

The members of the delegation will present their findings at a press conference on Thursday 18 September (time and place to be confirmed).