

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

15 September 2009

THE TEST OF COURAGE COMES WHEN WE ARE IN THE MINORITY.

THE TEST OF **TOLERANCE** COMES WHEN WE ARE IN THE MAJORITY.



Democracy is dependent on the expression of ideas and a culture of tolerance. Political tolerance implies freedom of expression, open dialogue and a diversity of views. It is the role of democratic institutions, such as parliament, to mediate tensions between diverging opinions and to accommodate the participation of all sectors of society.

