



**SEMINAR FOR CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES ON
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, PARLIAMENT AND THE
PROMOTION OF TOLERANT SOCIETIES**



Geneva, 25-27 May 2005

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Part I: Defining and protecting freedom of expression

25 May 2005

08.00 - 09.30	Registration of participants
09.30 - 10.00	Inaugural session
10.00 - 10.15	Procedural matters: election of the President and Rapporteur of the seminar, adoption of the agenda and rules of procedure
10.15 - 10.30	Coffee break
10.30 - 13.00	<i>Scope and limits of freedom of expression: Legal overview and parliamentary perspective</i>
14.30 - 16.00	<i>Defamation: Law and practice</i>
16.00 - 16.15	Coffee break
16.15 - 18.00	<i>Access to information</i>

26 May 2005

09.30 - 11.15	<i>Freedom of expression and the administration of justice: Law and practice</i>
11.15 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00	<i>Parliamentary immunities as a means of protecting freedom of expression</i>
14.30 - 16.00	<i>Continuation and conclusions of Part I</i>
16.00 - 16.15	Coffee break

Part II: Freedom of expression: A human right essential to the promotion of tolerance

16.15 - 18.00	<i>Defining hate speech: Relevant international norms and state obligations</i>
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27 May 2005

09.30 - 11.00	<i>Parliamentary practices and strategies to curb racist appeals and to promote a tolerant society</i>
11.00 - 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 - 13.00	<i>Parliaments and the media: Working together to combat racism</i>
14.30 - 15.45	<i>Evaluation by participants</i>
15.45 - 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 - 18.00	Conclusions
