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The Conference was composed of Speakers and Presidents of the Parliaments of the Member States of the Council of Europe; parliaments enjoying observer status with PACE and international parliamentary assemblies.

The Conference dealt with two essential challenges to Europe's future: finding better ways to involve civil society more closely in the political life of our nations; and having the democratic, human rights and rule of law values that underpin all we do to find clearer expression in our daily policies, at national and European level.

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