The Parliamentary Troika, composed of members of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe and the OSCE, visited Belarus on 5 - 7 March 2001. The delegation was chaired by Mr Adrian Severin, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Jan Marinus Wiersma, Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with Belarus and Mr Terry Davis, Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Other members of the European Parliament and the Parliamentary Assemblies of the OSCE and the Council of Europe were also part of the delegation.

The visit of the delegation took place as part of a continuing, joint effort of the three Parliamentary institutions to “further democratic developments in Belarus, and on the basis of a profound wish to integrate Belarus and its people in the democratic structures of Europe”. The Members of the Delegation had a large number of meetings with representatives of the Government and the institutions of the Republic of Belarus, as well as with representatives of the political opposition and civil society, in order to be informed about the situation in the country after the Parliamentary Elections of October 2000 and in the run-up to the Presidential Elections that will take place later this year.