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6th Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for the Oversight of Intelligence and Security Services of the European Union Member States

Brussels, 2010

DRAFT PROGRAMME (version 14 July 2010)

Wednesday, September 29th, 2010

17.30 –19.30	Registration in hotel Hilton
19.30	Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate
20.00 – 21.30	Welcome drink in the Senate
21.30	Return by bus to the hotel

Thursday, September 30th, 2010

09.00	Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate
09.30 – 10.00	Registration - Coffee
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and introductory remarks by **M. Armand De Decker (B)** Speaker of the Belgian Senate Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Standing Committee I
10.30 – 11.15	**Significant developments in the oversight framework in the European Union Member States : case studies** **Mr. Guy Rapaille (B)**, Chairman of the Belgian Standing Committee I A review committee acting as a jurisdictional body. The new role of the Belgian Committee within the framework of reviewing special intelligence methods **Mr. Josselin de Rohan (F), First vice-chairman of the** *délégation parlementaire au renseignement,* Chairman of the Committee for Forerign Affairs, Defence and Armed Forces **Guest speaker 2**
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break

11.30 – 12.15 **Principles and best practices on the legal and institutional frameworks for intelligence & intelligence oversight in counter-terrorism (presentation of the draft report)**
Prof. Martin Scheinin (FI), UN Special Rapporteur on the Protection of Human Rights while countering terrorism (tbc)
Q&A

12.15 – 14.00 Lunch (free seating)

14.00 – 15.15 Theme 1 : **National oversight on intelligence sharing at an international level**
Mr./Mrs. … (B), Senator, Member of the Monitoring Committee
Introductory speaker and chairman (tbc)
Guest speaker 1
Guest speaker 2
Q&A

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Theme 2 : **Classified information vs. freedom of speech**
Mr./Mrs. … (B), Senator, Member of the Monitoring Committee
Introductory speaker and chairman, (tbc)
Prof. Pedro Gomes Barbosa (P), Member of the Council for Oversight of the Portuguese Intelligence System
Guest speaker 2

17.15 Departure of the bus from the Senate to the hotel
19.00 Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate

19.30 Conference dinner offered by the Belgian Senate

21.45 Departure of the bus from the Senate to the hotel

<u>Friday, October 1st, 2010</u>

08.30 Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate

09.00 – 10.30 Theme 3 : **Distinguishing characteristics of parliamentary oversight as compared with other complaint-handling mechanisms**
Mr./Mrs … (B), Introductory speaker and chairman, Member of the Monitoring Committee (tbc)
The Rt. Hon. Sir Gibson (UK), Intelligence Services Commissioner (tbc)
Mrs. Helga Hernes (NOR), Chairwoman of the Norwegian Parliamentary Intelligence Oversight Committee
Guest speaker 3
Q&A

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.15 Theme 4 : **Minimal requirements for effective and efficient parliamentary oversight**
Mr. Peter De Smet (B), Introductory speaker and chairman, Member of the Belgian Standing Committee I
Prof. Ian Leigh (UK), Professor at Durham Law School (tbc)
Guest speaker 2
Guest speaker 3
Q&A

12.15 – 14.00 Photo session + buffet lunch (free seating)

14.00 – 15.00 **Presentation of the draft European centre of expertise for the parliamentary oversight of the intelligence and security services**
Mr./Mrs … (B), Senator, Member of the Monitoring Committee (tbc)
Mr..… (B), Staff member of the Belgian Standing Committee I

15.00 – 15.30 Closing of the Conference: Declaration of Brussels

15.30 Departure of the bus from the Senate to the hotel

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