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| Federal Parliament of Belgium |

**Conference of the Speakers of the EU Parliaments**

**Brussels, 4 – 5 April 2011**

**Draft programme**

*( date 22.12.2010)*

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| Sunday 3 April 2011 | |
| **Afternoon** | Arrival of the delegations  Welcome and transfer to the hotels. |
| **15.00 – 18.00** | Welcome at the hotels.  Registration and distribution of the Conference dossier and identification badge. |
| **19.00 – 21.00**  **21.00** | Visit of the Magritte museum followed by a reception.  Evening reserved for embassies |
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| Monday 4 April 2011  Location: Palace of the Nation, seat of the Belgian Federal Parliament, House of representatives. | |
| **9.00** | Registration  Entrance: Place de la Nation (main entrance of Parliament) |
| **9.30** | Opening of the Conference - Approval of the agenda  M.André Flahaut, President of the House of representatives  *M.Danny Pieters, President of the Senate* |
| **9.45 – 12.30** | **Topic : Parliamentary scrutiny of the common foreign and security policy, including the common security and defense policy.**  ***Presentation by Mr. André Flahaut, President of the House.*** |
| **12.30 – 14.00** | Luncheon hosted by the President of the House of representatives,  For the Speakers only.  Venue : reception rooms of the House.  Luncheon hosted by the President of the Senate,  for the Secretaries General and parliamentary officers.  Venue : reception rooms of the Senate. |
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| **14.00 – 15.30**  **15.30 – 16.00**  **16.00 – 18.30**  **19.30** | **Topic : Parliamentary scrutiny of Europol.**  Coffee break (coffee room of the House)  **Topic : Parliamentary oversight of the intelligence services.**  ***Presentation by Mr. Danny Pieters, President of the Senate.***  Dinner hosted by Mr. André Flahaut, President of the House of representatives and Mr. Danny Pieters, President of the Senate. |
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**Tuesday 5 April 2011**

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| **9.30**  **11.00 – 11.30**  **11.30 – 12.30**  **12.30 – 13.00**  **13.00** | **Topic : The relationship between Media – Parliaments – Public opinion.**  Coffee break (coffee room of the House).  **Topic : Participation of national parliaments in the “ European Semester”**  **Debate on the Conclusions of the Presidency.**  Luncheon hosted by Mr. André Flahaut, President of the House of representatives and by Mr. Danny Pieters, President of the Senate. |
|  | Venue : reading room of the House. |

P.S.: an audience with His Majesty King Albert II (for Presidents only) is foreseen on Monday 5 April 2011 hour to be determined.