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Mr. Christian Mejdahl
Chairman of the Presidium
Folketinget
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July 21, 2005

Dear Mr. Mejdahl,

Herewith I have the pleasure of forwarding the invitation to participate in the Second International Parliamentary Conference on the Fight Against Terrorism, which will take place in Moscow on October 18 – 19, 2005. A copy of the program of the forum is enclosed.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Dmitriy Ryurikov



SÉNAT
DU
ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE

Moscow/Brussels, 21 June 2005

Dear Mrs. President,
Dear Mr. President,
Dear Colleague,

Terrorism remains one of the major threats to mankind in the 21st century. What is needed today, is consolidation of our efforts to confront that evil and to ensure peaceful life for our citizens.

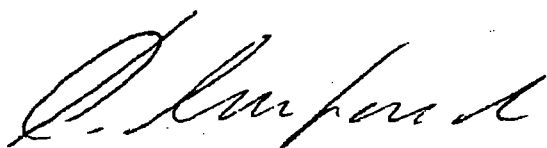
The First International Conference on the Legislative Aspects of the Fight Against Terrorism was held in Brussels on 25-26 October 2004 upon the initiative of the Senate of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. The outcome of that international parliamentary forum was highly appreciated by all its participants and it was decided to make it a regular annual event.

The importance of the questions raised and the apparent need to involve parliaments in the efforts to improve national legislations to fight against terrorism are unquestionable. Parliaments of democratic nations should actively partake in the elaboration of antiterrorist legislation since they are responsible for the elaboration of rules guaranteeing normal social life.

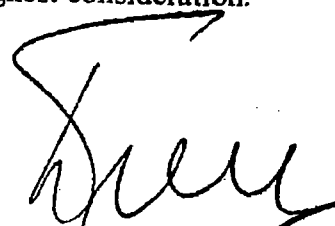
The Second International Parliamentary Conference on the Fight Against Terrorism will take place in Moscow on 18-19 October 2005. It would be highly appreciated if your Assembly could participate in this Conference which, we hope, could result in the adoption of a joint declaration. Delegation of your Assembly should be composed of maximum three representatives.

Please, find attached a preliminary draft programme as well as general information about the Conference. Final programme and the draft joint declaration will be forwarded to you at the earliest possible moment. For any additional information that you may require, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

We would greatly appreciate your interest in the Conference. Please accept, Mrs. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, dear colleague, assurances of our highest consideration.



Sergei MIRONOV
Chairman, Council
of the Federation
Federal Assembly
Russian Federation



Anne-Marie LIZIN
President,
Senate the Kingdom
of Belgium

**THE PLACE AND ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN FIGHTING AGAINST
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

Moscow, October 18-19, 2005

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 18,

From 14.00 – Registration of participants

- 15.00 Conference opening. Greeting speeches by Sergey M. Mironov, Chairman of the Federation Council, and Anne-Marie Lisene, President of the Senate of Belgium. First theme: **"The role of parliaments in establishing an international security system to oppose acts of terrorism on the part of extremist and separatist groups"**
Statements by the discussion participants (to be determined)
General discussion:
- 16.45 Coffee Break
- 17.00 General discussion resumption
- 18.30 Conclusion of the first day proceedings
- 19.00 Reception on behalf of Sergey M. Mironov, Chairman of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

Wednesday, October 19

- 09.30 Beginning of the proceedings
The second theme: **"Counteraction in order to curb international terrorism financing: legal regulation and national legislation harmonizing problems"**
Statements by the discussion participants (to be determined)
General discussion
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.20 – 12.50 General discussion resumption
- 13.00 Lunch on behalf of Anne-Marie Lisene, President of the Senate of Belgium

- 14.30 Resumption of the Conference proceedings
Third theme: ***"Parliamentarians interaction with civil society institutions in the sphere of fighting against international terrorism"***
Statements by the discussion participants (to be determined)

General discussion
- 15.45 Coffee Break
- 16.00 Discussion of and voting on the Conference final document
- 16.30 Summing up the results of the Conference. Statements by Anne-Marie Lisene, President of the Senate of Belgium, and Sergey M. Mironov, Chairman of the Federation Council
- 17.00 Joint press conference of Anne-Marie Lisene, President of the Senate of Belgium, and Sergey M. Mironov, Chairman of the Federation Council

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue of the Conference

Great Hall of the President Hotel (24, ul. Bol. Yakimanka, Moscow City)

Working languages of the Conference

Russian, French, English and German

Participants

Chairmen of upper chambers, chairmen of committees and commissions on security of the upper chambers of parliaments/ indivisible parliaments of the member countries of OSCE and CIS; maximum 3 participants from a parliament

Observers

1-2 representatives of parliaments from the countries – the Mediterranean partners of OSCE, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Western European Union Assembly, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the European Parliament, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the CIS member States, the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of European and Asian Economic Cooperation and the European Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly

Meals

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation will host a reception upon the conclusion of the first working day

The Senate of Belgium will host a lunch (seats not to be offered) on the Conference second day

Accommodation, meals and transporting costs

At the expense of the participants

Information for communication

- Staff Administration of the Federation Council Committee on Defense and Security :
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N.B. You are kindly requested to inform in due time the following:

- Surname (first name, patronymic name) and posts of the participants
- Hotel for accommodation
- The date and the flight of arrival and departure;
- The theme of possible paper (statement) on behalf of the delegation