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Dear Colleague,

The Conference of the Chairmen of the Home Affairs Committees of the National Parliaments of the EU Member States, the Candidate Countries and the European Parliament will take place on Monday, April 10, 2006 in the Austrian Parliament building in Vienna.

We hereby cordially invite you to participate in this conference. Federal Minister of the Interior Liese PROKOP and a number of distinguished experts have already confirmed their participation. The European Commission will be represented by a high-ranking official.

The central topics of the conference will be „Asylum Policy and/or Migration Policy as New Tasks for the EU“ and “Co-operation in the Fight against Crime and Terrorism and Potential Conflicts with European Civil Rights“.

Enclosed you will find a draft programme.

The conference registration and hotel reservation forms were already sent to you at the end of last year and are also accessible on our website www.parlament.gv.at.

In case you have not yet registered, we kindly request you to do so as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Vienna.

Best regards,

Rudolf PARNIGONI
Member of the National Council
Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee
of the National Council

Dr. Franz Eduard KÜHNEL
Member of the Federal Council
Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee
of the Federal Council



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**Conference of Chairpersons of Home Affairs Committees of the National Parliaments
of the EU Member States, the Candidate Countries
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Vienna, 10 April 2006

Draft Programme

Sunday, 9 April 2006

- from 3:00 p.m. Check-in at conference hotels
- 6:45 p.m. Departure from hotels
- 7:00 p.m. Arrival at Harriet Hartmann Court of the Vienna Albertina, drinks and welcome addresses by the Chairmen of the Home Affairs Committees of the National Council and the Federal Council, Rudolf PARNIGONI and Dr. Franz Eduard KÜHNEL
- 7:30 p.m. Guided tour of the exhibition „MOZART. The Enlightenment Experiment“
- 8:30 p.m. Gala dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Home Affairs Committees of the National Council and the Federal Council in the Hall of the Muses of the Albertina
- approx. 11:00 p.m. Return to hotels

Monday, 10 April 2006

- 9:30 a.m. Departure from hotels to Parliament
- 9:50 a.m. Arrival of participants at the new visitors' entrance and registration
- 10:00 a.m. Opening of the Conference by Rudolf PARNIGONI, Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee of the National Council, Room VI
- First session chaired by Rudolf PARNIGONI
„Asylum Policy and/or Migration Policy as new Tasks for the EU“
- Keynote speaker: Representative of the European Commission, outlining the Commission's point of view
- Keynote speaker: Liese PROKOP, Federal Minister of the Interior, outlining the EU Presidency position and the national point of view
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:30 a.m. Discussion of the presentations

- 12:30 p.m. Summary of the discussion by the Chairman
- 12:40 p.m. Family photograph taken in the Columned Hall of the Parliament
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch buffet
- 2:30 p.m. Second Session chaired by Dr. Franz Eduard KÜHNEL, Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee of the Federal Council
„Co-operation in the Fight against Crime and Terrorism and Potential Conflicts with European Civil Rights“
- Keynote speaker: Peter SCHAAR, Special Representative for Data Protection and Chairman of the Article 29 Data Protection Working Party
- Keynote speaker: Dr. Gerhard BENN-IBLER, President of the Austrian Bar Association
- Keynote speaker: Dr. Kurt EINZINGER, Vice-President of EURO ISPA
- 3:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 4:00 p.m. Discussion of the presentations
- 5:15 p.m. Summary of the discussion by the Chairman
- 5:30 p.m. End of the conference
- 5:40 p.m. Transfer from Parliament to hotels