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Brussels/Moscow, 18 October 2006

Dear Mrs President, Dear Mr President,
Dear Colleague,

The Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and the Senate of Belgium organise, for the third time already, an Interparliamentary Conference on the role of the national parliaments in the fight against terrorism.

Both assemblies take this initiative because they are convinced that, in a democracy, parliaments should assume fully their responsibility and cannot afford to neglect their institutional role in this field. This conference wants to raise awareness and mutual understanding between parliaments of the necessity to develop a common legal base against terrorism.

This year, the conference will take place in the Belgian Senate on 27 and 28 November 2006.

Three major themes will be examined and discussed during the conference. In the first theme energy security is examined in the perspective of terrorist threat. This year, this important topic is regularly discussed in several international seminars.

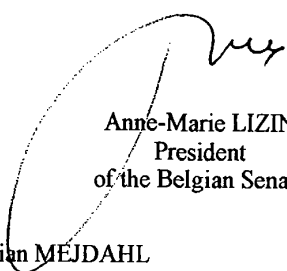
The second theme highlights the co-operation between the public and the private sector to protect the vital infrastructure, especially against terrorist threat.

The third theme examines the question whether regulation of immigration constitutes an efficient instrument in the fight against terrorism, and, if that is the case, how this objective can be reached. This item is, of course, closely linked to the respect of fundamental rights.

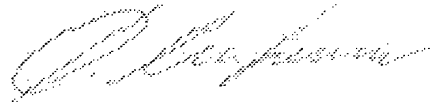
We have the honour to invite you to this conference, together with the Chairperson of the Committee competent for security and terrorism issues. Would you be so kind to inform him about this joint initiative of the Belgian Senate and the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation ?

Enclosed, you will find the programme of the Conference as well as the details of the Conference's secretariat.

Please accept, Mrs President, Mr President, dear colleague, the assurances of our high consideration.



Anne-Marie LIZIN
President
of the Belgian Senate



Sergei MIRONOV
President
of the Council of the Federation of the
Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

H.E. Mr Christian MEJDAHL
President of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark



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**Actual problems in the fight against terrorism,
energy security and international law**

Third international parliamentary conference on the fight against terrorism

Brussels, November 27th and 28th 2006

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, November 27th 2006

- 14.00 Welcome and registration of the participants
- 15.00 Welcoming address by Mrs **Anne-Marie LIZIN**, President of the Belgian Senate, and Mr **Sergei MIRONOV**, President of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia

Opening theme :

« Energy security in the face of terrorist threat »

Chair : Mrs Anne-Marie LIZIN and Mr Sergei MIRONOV

Introduction by panel members : (to be confirmed)

DE GUCHT Karel (B) – Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs

SAFONOV Anatoly Yefimovich (RUS) – Special representative of the President of the Russian Federation for International Cooperation in the Fight against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime

EL BARADEI Mohamed (Egypt) – Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

PIEBALGS Andris (Latvia) – European Commissioner for Energy

Plenary discussion

- 16.45 Coffee break
- 17.00 Continuation of the plenary discussion
- 18.30 Closing of the first day
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by **Mrs Anne-Marie LIZIN**, President of the Belgian Senate

Tuesday, November 28th 2006

10.00

Second theme :

**« Critical infrastructure protection :
public-private partnerships in the fight against terrorism »**

Chair : **Mr Paul WILLE**, Belgian Senator, member of the Belgian Senatorial Oversight Committee of the Standing Control Organ of the Intelligence and Security Services, and
Mr Alexei CHICHKOV, member of the Defense and Security Committee of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia

Introduction by panel members : (to be confirmed)

MILLER Alexei (RUS) – CEO Gazprom

MANDIL Claude (F) – Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA)

ASSELMAN Gilbert (B) – Chairman of the Belgian Petroleum Federation

LEMIERRE Jean (F) – Chairman of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Plenary discussion

11.30

Coffee break

11.45

Continuation of the plenary discussion

12.20

Interruption of discussions

Joint press conference by Mrs **Anne-Marie LIZIN**, President of the Belgian Senate, and **Mr Sergei MIRONOV**, President of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia

13.00

Buffet lunch hosted by **Mr Sergei MIRONOV**, President of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia

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14.15

Final theme :

« Migration regulation, State security and terrorist threat »

Chair : **Mr François ROELANTS du VIVIER**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian Senate, and
Mr Victor OZEROV, Chairman of the Defense and Security Committee of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia

Introduction by panel members : (to be confirmed)

GUTERRES António (Port) – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

CAVADA Jean-Marie (F) – Chairman of the Committee « Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs » of the European Parliament

CARRERA Sergio (Spain) - Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Plenary discussion

- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.15 Discussion and adoption of the proposed draft joint declaration
- 16.45 Closing address by both **Mr Sergei MIRONOV** and **Mrs Anne-Marie LIZIN**
- 17.00 End of the seminar

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE SEMINAR

Venue :

The seminar will take place in the
Belgian Senate
Palais de la Nation
Place de la Nation, 1
B - 1009 Brussels
BELGIUM
(Entrance : rue de la Loi)

Official languages of the seminar :

Simultaneous translation of discussions into English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Italian, as well as Dutch (official languages of the OSCE). The documents of the seminar will be available in French, English and/or Russian.

Participants :

The Presidents of the Senates, the chairpersons of the committees competent for security-issues of the Senates or of the monocameral Parliaments of the member States of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) as well as the European Parliament. Maximum three persons in each delegation.

Observers :

One or two members of Parliament of every Mediterranean Partner State of OSCE.
One or two Members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, of the Assembly of the Western European Union, of the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO, of the Inter-parliamentary Union, of the European Parliament, of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Community of Independent States and of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.

Hotel, meals not included in the programme and travel expenses :

At the expense of the participants. Enclosed you find the reservation form for the proposed hotel.

Registration :

Please return the enclosed registration form before **15 November 2006**
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