



ASSEMBLEIA DA REPÚBLICA
COMISSÃO DE ASSUNTOS CONSTITUCIONAIS,
DIREITOS, LIBERDADES E GARANTIAS

MEETING OF THE JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSONS

Dear Colleague,

I have the privilege to invite you to the meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Chairpersons, which will be held in Lisbon, during the Portuguese Council Presidency, in the second half of 2007.

The meeting will take place on Monday, 10th September, at the Assembleia da República. On the evening of Sunday, 9th September, preceding the meeting, a dinner will be organised.

You will find enclosed conference registration and hotel reservation forms, as well as general information to prepare for the conference.

Further information on the meeting and contact details can be found on the Portuguese Parliament website, at <http://www.presidenciaue.parlamento.pt/>.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lisbon,

Yours sincerely,

Osvaldo de Castro

Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees
Assembleia da República

**Conference of the Parliamentary Chairmen of the Justice and Internal Affairs
Committees of the Member-States of the European Union, the candidate States
and the European Parliament, in the framework of the Portuguese Presidency of
the European Union
(Lisbon, 9th and 10th September 2007)**

Programme

Sunday, 9th September 2007

16:00 – Registration at the hotels and delivery of documentation

18:00 - Collection and transport from the Hotels to Sintra

20:00 - Dinner at the Tivoli Seteais Hotel (Sintra), hosted by Osvaldo de Castro,
Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and
Guarantees

Monday, 10th September

08:30 - Collection and transport from the Hotels to the Assembly of the Republic

09:00 – Opening by the President of the Assembly of the Republic, Jaime Gama

09:15 – Welcoming by the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees

09:30 - “*Challenges of a common immigration policy in the European Union*”

Rui Pereira, Portuguese Home Affairs Minister

10:00 – Discussion

11:00 – Coffee-break

11:15 - “*Reinforcement of police cooperation in the European Union: innovation in the
fight against terrorism and organized crime*”

António Vitorino, former European Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security

11:45 - Discussion

13:00 – Lunch hosted by the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees in the Restaurant of the New Parliamentary Building,
at the Assembleia da República

14:30 – “*The future of European Justice*”

Alberto Costa, Portuguese Minister of Justice

Cunha Rodrigues, Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities

15:00 - Discussion

16:00 – Coffee-break

16:15 – “*People on the Move: Protecting Refugees in a Century of Increasing Displacement*” – António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

16:45 - Discussion

17:45 – Closing statement by the Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Rights, Freedoms and Guarantees

