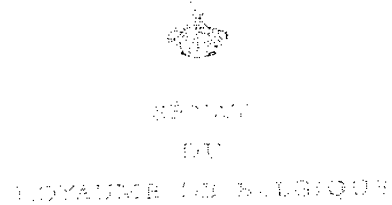


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Moscow/Brussels, March 2008

Excellency,

As the terrorist threat continues to cast its shadow over the world, we all need to join forces to fight it, in order to defend democracy and to guarantee the security of our citizens.

In this perspective, the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and the Senate of the Kingdom of Belgium will co-organise the fourth interparliamentary conference on the role of national parliaments in the fight against terrorism.

This year's conference on "Information technology as an element of the fight against international terrorism" will take place in Saint-Petersburg, on May 12-13th. Its aim is to find common approaches of the use of information technology in the fight against terrorism. We hope to conclude this conference with a joint declaration.

It is our pleasure to invite you and your colleagues to attend this conference. Enclosed you will find the draft programme and some practical information. The definitive programme as well as the draft joint declaration be available on the Internet sites of both the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (www.council.gov.ru) and of the Senate of the Kingdom of Belgium (www.senate.be).

We look forward to meeting you in Saint-Petersburg, and remain,

yours sincerely,

Sergey MIRONOV,
Chairman of the Federal Council of the
Federal Assembly of the Federation
of Russia

Armand DE DECKER,
President of the Senate
of the Kingdom of Belgium

INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

The information technology as an element of the fight against international terrorism

St. Petersburg, May 12-13 2008

PROGRAMME

Monday May 12th, 2008

13.00 – 14.00 Registration of the participants (The Baltic Star Hotel)

14.00 Opening of the conference (Marble Hall)

- Greeting by H.E. Mr Sergey Mironov, Chairman of the Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia;
- Greeting by H.E. Mr Armand De Decker, President of the Senate of Belgium

Theme 1 : The use of information technology in the fight against terrorism

Introductory statements

Plenary discussion

15.30 Coffee break

16.00-17.30 Resumption of the plenary discussion

18.30 Reception hosted by H.E. Mr Sergey Mironov, Chairman of the Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russian Federation (Blue Hall)

Tuesday May 13th, 2008

- 09.30-10.00** Registration of the participants
- 10.00** Theme 2 (Marble Hall): **The prevention of the expansion of terrorism and the respect of the freedom of opinion**
- Introductory statements
- Plenary discussion
- 11.30** Coffee break
- 12.00-12.50** Theme 3 : **The role of Parliaments in establishing an anti-terrorist information network**
- Introductory statements
- Plenary discussion
- 13.00 –14.45** Business lunch in the Baltic Star Hotel, Restaurant Russian Versailles
- 14.45** Resumption of the plenary discussion (Marble Hall)
- 16.00** Discussion and vote of the draft joint declaration
- 17.00** Final discussion and report :
- H.E. Mr Armand De Decker, President of the Senate of Belgium
 - H.E. Mr Sergey Mironov, Chairman of the Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Russia
- 17.30** Joint press conference (Trojan Hall) :
- H.E. Mr Sergey Mironov, Chairman of the Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
 - H.E. Mr Armand De Decker, President of the Senate of Belgium
- 19.00** Walking dinner hosted by H.E. Mr Armand De Decker, President of the Senate of Belgium

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address of the conference

Konstantinovsky Palace,
Berözovaya Alleya, 3
Strelnya
St. Petersburg

Official languages of the conference

Russian, English, French and German

Participants

The Presidents of the Senates and the Presidents of the Commissions for the Security of the Senates or the unicameral Parliaments of the member states of the OSCE, the CIS and the European Parliament. Delegations may consist of max. 3 members.

Observers

The consultative Assembly of the European Council, the Assembly of the West European Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, the Parliamentary Assembly of the NATO, the Assembly of the Interparliamentary Union, the Interparliamentary Assembly of the member states of the CIS

Catering

The Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation offers the reception at the end of the first working day and the business lunch on the second conference day.

At the end of the second conference day, the Senate of Belgium offers a walking dinner (Please register).

Hotel, catering and transport

At the expense of the participants. All participants should fill out and submit the attached hotel registration form

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Note : please fill out the attached Conference Registration Form and forward it back prior to April 29th, 2008 :

- Full name and title of the participant(s)
 - Hotel chosen
 - Date and time of arrival and departure (flight numbers)
 - Theme of the proposed report on behalf of your delegation
 - Your presence at the lunch on May 12th, 2008
 - Your presence at the closing dinner offered by Mr Armand De Decker, the President of the Belgium Senate on May 13th, 2008
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