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Uachtaránacht na hÉireann ar  
Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh  
An Ghné Pharlaiminteach

Irish Presidency of the  
Council of the European Union  
Parliamentary Dimension

**Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and  
the Common Security and Defence Policy**

Dublin Castle, 24 & 25 March 2013

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Sunday, 24 March 2013**

12:00 - 16:00 Registration desks open at the hotels

**For participants in the Meeting of the Heads of Delegations**

14:15 Departure by bus from hotels to Dublin Castle

15:00 - 16:00 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the national parliaments of the EU and the European Parliament to discuss (i) the proposal to appoint an Ad Hoc Review Committee and (ii) the proposal on enhanced monitoring of democratic processes

*Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle*

15:30 Departure by bus from hotels to Dublin Castle

16.00-16.30 Coffee

16:30 Opening of the Conference

Welcome address by the Ceann Comhairle, Mr. Seán Barrett T.D.

Opening remarks by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Pat Breen T.D.

Opening remarks by the Head of Delegation of the European Parliament, Mr. Elmar Brok MEP

*Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle*

17:00-17:30 **Proposal to appoint an Ad Hoc Review Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference**

Presentation by the Presidency Parliament

Debate



17:30-  
18:00      **Proposal of the Cyprus Presidency on enhanced monitoring of democratic processes in the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhoods**

Presentation by the Cyprus Parliament

Debate

18:00-  
19:00      **Current issues on the CFSP and CSDP**  
Address by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms. Catherine Ashton

Debate

19:10      Departure of delegates by bus from Dublin Castle to Royal Hospital, Kilmainham

19:30      Welcome reception

20:15      Dinner hosted by the Ceann Comhairle, Mr. Seán Barrett T.D.

*Venue: Royal Hospital, Kilmainham*

22:30      Return by bus to the hotels

## Monday, 25 March 2013

08:15      Departure by bus from the hotels to Dublin Castle

*Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle*

09:15-  
11:00      **Conflict prevention - the EU as Peacemaker**  
Address by the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Eamon Gilmore T.D.

Debate

11:00-11:40      Coffee Break/Family Photo



11:40-  
13:10

**Workshop 1**  
**The Comprehensive Approach to instability in Africa - the experience of the Horn of Africa**

Drawing on the contributions of the High Representative and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, this workshop will enable parliamentarians to debate the Comprehensive Approach in the context of the implementation of the CFSP and CSDP in the Horn of Africa. The workshop will include opening contextual remarks and will thereafter be moderated and reported to the Plenary.

**Workshop 2**  
**The Middle East Peace Process - the role of the European Union**

Drawing on the contributions of the High Representative and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, this workshop will enable parliamentarians to debate the role of the European Union in the Middle East Peace Process. The workshop will include opening contextual remarks and will thereafter be moderated and reported to the Plenary.

*Venues: St George's Hall & St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle*

13:10 Buffet Lunch hosted by the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Pat Breen T.D. and the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality, Mr. David Stanton T.D.

*Venue: Castle Hall, Dublin Castle*

15:00-  
16:30 **European Council on Defence 2013**  
Address by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence, Mr. Alan Shatter T.D.

Debate

16:30-  
17:30 Reports by rapporteurs on Workshops

Closing remarks

Adoption of Conference Conclusions

17:35 Departure by bus to the hotels



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- 20:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Round Room, Mansion House
- 20:30 Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Pat Breen T.D. and the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality, Mr. David Stanton T.D.
- Venue: Round Room, Mansion House*
- 23:00 Departure by bus to the hotels

**Tuesday, 26 March 2013**

Departure of delegations

## **Glossary**

**Ceann Comhairle:** *President/Speaker of Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives)*  
**Tánaiste:** *Deputy Prime Minister*  
**T.D.:** *Teachta Dála/Member of Dáil Éireann*