

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY
POLICY AND THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY**
3-4 April 2014
Athens

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 3 April

Arrival of the participants

10.30 – 13.30 Registration at the hotels

12.00 - 13.00	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Review Committee
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14.00 - 15.00	Meeting of the Political Groups
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15.30 - 16.30	Meeting of the Heads of delegations
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OPENING SESSION

17.00 **Introduction** by Mr. Konstantinos TSIARAS, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Parliament

Introduction by Mr. Elmar BROK, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

17.20 - 19.00 **Security Challenges in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood – a national perspective**

Key Note Speaker: Mr. Evangelos VENIZELOS, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

Debate

20.30 Dinner hosted by Mr. Vangelis MEIMARAKIS, Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament

Friday, 4 April

9.30 - 11.00

Current Priorities on the CFSP and the CSDP

Key Note Speaker: Baroness Catherine ASHTON, H.R. of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice President of the European Commission

Debate

11.00

Coffee Break

11.20 - 12.50

Conclusions of the December Council: Developments on the Defence and Security Sector

Key Note Speaker: Mr. Dimitrios AVRAMOPOULOS, Minister of National Defence of the Hellenic Republic

12.50

Family Photo

13.00

Lunch

15.00 - 16.30

Workshops

Workshop 1

European Union Maritime Security Strategy, the maritime dimension of the Common Security and Defence Policy

Workshop 2

Recent developments in the Middle East

Workshop 3

Deploying military forces under CSDP, parliamentary decision making procedures and practices

16.30

Coffee Break

16.50 - 18.30

Final Recommendations of the AHRC

Mr. Konstantinos TSIARAS, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Parliament
Mr. Elmar BROK, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

Presentation of the results of the workshops and adoption of the conclusions

Debate

20.00

Dinner hosted by Mr. Konstantinos TSIARAS, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Parliament