

**Meeting of the Secretaries-General
of the Parliaments of the European Union**

**Assembly of the Republic
Senate Hall, 3 and 4 April 2008**

Draft Programme

3 April

19:30 – Dinner hosted by the Secretary-General of the Assembly of the Republic

4 April

8:45 – Departure of the participants from Hotel Tivoli to the Assembly of the Republic

9:00 – Arrival of the participants to the Assembly of the Republic (Main Entrance)
Accreditation of the participants, who are conducted to the Senate Hall

9:15 – Opening of the Meeting by the President of the Assembly of the Republic

9:30 – Presentation of the Agenda by the Secretary-General of the Assembly of the Republic, Ms. Adelina Sá Carvalho

9:40 – Programme and agenda of the next Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the European Union (20-21 June 2008)

Introduction by the Secretary-General of the Assembly of the Republic, Ms. Adelina Sá Carvalho

10:00 –The Lisbon Treaty

- The Process of Ratification in the Member States
- The New Responsibilities for the National Parliaments and the New Partnership between National Parliaments and the European Parliament

Introduction by the Adviser of the European Affairs Committee of the Assembly of the Republic, Ms. Teresa Paulo

10:30 – Coffee break

10:45 – Women’s participation in political life

Introduction by the Secretary-General of the Parliament of Austria, Mr. Georg Posch

11:15 – IPEX

- Proposal for the co-financing of the *IPEX Information Officer*
- Chairmanship and composition of the *IPEX Board*

Introduction by the Secretary-General of the Parliament of Denmark, or his representative

11:45 – Working Groups

- Inter-parliamentary Cooperation
- Assistance of New and Emerging Democracies

Introduction by the Director of International Relations and Protocol of the Assembly of the Republic, Mr. José Manuel Araújo

12:45 – Preparation of the National Parliaments for the EU Presidencies

Introduction by the Head of Office for Foreign Relations of the Hungarian National Assembly, Mr. Péter Sárdi

13:00 – Family photo on the Grand Staircase

13:15 – Lunch hosted by the Secretary-General of the Assembly of the

Republic