

**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 and Eastern Neighbourhoods – 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

IN CAMERA SESSION

09.30-11.00

Current Priorities on the CFSP and the CSDP, including the situation in Ukraine

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

Mr Maciej POPOWSKI, Deputy Secretary General for Inter-institutional Affairs, EEAS

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

Moderator: Member of National Parliament (TBC)

Rapporteur: Ms Ana GOMEZ, Member of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

Speakers: Mr. Nicola LATORRE, Chair of the Standing Defence Committee, Italian Senate
Mr. Walter HUHN, Brigadier General, Senior Military Adviser, EEAS
Mr. Loukas KATSIKAS, AMSCC, Hellenic Republic

debate

Workshop 2

Recent developments in the Middle East

Moderator: Mr. Konstantinos TSIARAS, Chair of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Parliament

Rapporteur: Member of National Parliament (TBC)

Speakers: Mr. Christian BERGER, Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq, EEAS
Mr. Averof NEOFYTOU, Chairman, House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, Cyprus
Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, UN Special Envoy to Syria(TBC)

debate

Workshop 3

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

Moderator: Mr. Lazaros TSAVDARIDIS, Chair of the Special Standing Committee on Armament Programs and Contracts, Hellenic Parliament

Rapporteur: Mr Audronius AŽUBALIS, Deputy Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Speakers: Ms Angelien EISJINK, Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives of the States General
Mr. Arnaud DANJEAN, Chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, European Parliament
Mr. Roderich KIESEWETTER, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, German Bundestag

debate

16.50 - 18.30

Progress Report on the works 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