

Programme

Sunday 10 October 1999

19.00-19.30

Cultural programme

19.45-21.00

Reception

Monday 11 October 1999

8.00-9.00

Registration

9.00

Opening of the meeting

Mr. Esko AHO, Chairman of the Grand Committee of the Parliament of Finland

Adoption of the agenda

9.15

Main goals of the Finnish Presidency

Mr. Paavo LIPPONEN, Prime Minister

9.35

The EU's priorities in the area of freedom, security and justice, including the preparation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights- preparation for the Tampere extraordinary European Council

Introduction by

Mr. Paavo LIPPONEN, Prime Minister

Debate

Continuation of the debate

Commentary to the debate by

Mr. Kari HÄKÄMIES, Minister of the Interior

Mr. Johannes KOSKINEN, Minister of Justice

12.30

Lunch hosted by Mr. Esko AHO, Chairman of the Grand Committee

14.00

Enlargement of the Union

- economic and financial implications, including employment

Introduction by

Ms. Suvi-Anne SIIMES, Minister of Finance with responsibility for fiscal issues and the EU budget

Mr. Erkki LIIKANEN, Member of the Commission

Debate

Commentary to the debate by
Mr. Erkki LIIKANEN, Member of the Commission

20.00
Dinner

Tuesday 12 October 1999

9.00
The relations between the EU and Russia

Introduction by
Ms. Tarja HALONEN, Minister for Foreign Affairs

Debate

11.00
Reform of the Rules of Procedure of COSAC

Introduction by
Mr. Esko AHO, Chairman of the Grand Committee

Debate

Conclusion of the Conference

12.00
Informal lunch

13.30
Continuation of the debates, if necessary