Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Rome, 5 - 7 November 2014

Senate of the Republic

Draft programme

Wednesday, 5 November 2014

15.00 - 19.00 Arrival of participants and registration at the hotels
19.00 Visit to Capitoline Museums and welcome cocktail

Thursday, 6 November 2014

8.30 - 9.15 Political Group Meetings
9.15 - 10.00 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations and of the Working Group on the Rules
10.00 - 10.15 Coffee break
10.30 - 11.00 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Welcome speeches:
President of the Italian Senate, Pietro Grasso
President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Laura Boldrini

11.00 - 11.30 Opening Session

- Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Italian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Pier Ferdinando CASINI
- Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Italian Chamber Foreign Affairs Committee, Fabrizio CICCHITTO
- Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee, Elmar BROK

11.30 - 13.30 1st Session: The Mediterranean and the crises at the borders of the European Union. Regional and global challenges: from the Middle East to Ukraine

- Address by the Italian Foreign Affairs Minister
- Debate
13.30  Family photo
13.45 - 15.15  Working lunch at Sala Garibaldi and Sala Maccari
15.30 - 18.00  2nd Session: The European Union as a global player: priorities and strategies within the CFSP and the CSDP
  • The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission
  • Debate
19.30  Visit to the National Gallery of Ancient Art in Palazzo Barberini
20.30  Dinner at Palazzo Barberini (via delle Quattro Fontane, 13 - 00186 Rome)

Friday, 7 November 2014
9.00 - 11.00  Break-out sessions:
  1) Parliamentary perspectives on the future of the EU Battlegroups
  Moderator: Chairwoman of the European Parliament Security and Defence Sub-Committee, Anna FOTYGA
  Rapporteur: Vice Chairperson of the Italian Chamber Defence Committee, Massimo ARTINI
  Speakers:
  • Director General of Defence Policy in the Spanish Ministry of Defence, Juan Francisco MARTÍNEZ NÚÑEZ
  • Senior Fellow in the European Affairs area at International Affairs Institute (IAI), Nicoletta PIROZZI
  • Director General of the European Union Military Staff, Wolfgang WOSOLSOBE
  2) Strengthening EU-Africa relations: views from the EU and the African Union
  Moderator: Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Latvia, Ojārs Ēriks KALNINŠ
  Rapporteur: Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hellenic Parliament, Manousos VOLOUDAKIS
  Speakers:
  • University of Milan and ISPI Researcher, Giovanni CARBONE
  • European External Action Service (EEAS) Managing Director for Africa, Nicholas WESTCOTT
3) **Regional stability and enlargement to the Western Balkans**

Moderator: Foreign Affairs Committee of the Italian Senate, Giorgio TONINI  
Rapporteur: Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, Ana GOMES  

**Speakers:**  
- European External Action Service (EEAS) Director for Western Balkans, Fernando GENTILINI  
- Head of the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the UE, Tanja MIŠČEVIĆ  
- Chairman of the European Stability Initiative (ESI), Gerald KNAUS

11.00 - 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00  **3rd Session: Prospects of the European defence: strengthening the cooperative approach with strategic partners**

- Introduction by the Chairperson of the Italian Chamber Defence Committee, Elio VITO  
- Address by the Italian Defence Minister, Roberta PINOTTI  
- Debate

13:00 - 14:00  Working lunch at Sala Garibaldi and Sala Maccari

14:00 - 16:30  **Closing Session**

- Reports by rapporteurs on break-out sessions  
- Adoption of rules and Conference conclusions