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PUBLIC HEARING

## **"Promoting Stability and Democratization in Our Neighbourhood:**

### **What Role for the EU in the South Caucasus?"**

Wednesday, 22 February 2006, from 15:00 to 18:30  
Room PHS 1A002  
BRUSSELS

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

**15:00** Opening by Mr Elmar BROK, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs

**15.10** PANEL 1: *Security and Stability in the South Caucasus:  
potential for multilateral conflict resolution*

- An overview of the security situation in the South Caucasus and the actions of the EU in the region  
- Mr Heikki TALVITIE, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus
- Prospects for addressing regional conflicts in the South Caucasus  
- Dr Oksana ANTONENKO, Senior Fellow, IISS (The International Institute for Strategic Studies)
- Multilateral Initiatives for conflict resolution  
- Mr Bernard FASSIER, Co-Chair of the Minsk Group, OSCE
- A Stability Pact for the South Caucasus and the Black Sea Region?  
-Dr Imerio SEMINATORE, IERI (European Institute for International Relations, Brussels)

**16.00** General debate

**16.45** PANEL 2: *The Role of the European Union in the Region*

- Democracy and human rights situation in the region
  - Mr Adrian SEVERIN (Romania), Chairman of the Sub-Committee on External Relations, rapporteur on the Establishment of a Stability Pact on the Caucasian Region, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe
  - Mr Mátyás EÖRSI (Hungary), Chairman of the Liberal Group, member of the Presidential Committee, rapporteur of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States on Georgia, Parliamentary Assembly, Council of Europe
- Opportunities and challenges for the European Neighbourhood Policy in the South Caucasus
  - Mr Kurt JUUL, Head of Unit, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, DG RELEX, European Commission
- European Union's conflict resolution capacities in the South Caucasus
  - Dr Sabine FREIZER, South Caucasus Project Director, ICG (International Crisis Group)
- An assessment of the European involvement in the region
  - Dr Bruno COPPIETERS, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science at Free University of Brussels

**17.35** General debate

**18.20** Conclusion by Ms Marie Anne ISLER BÉGUIN, Chairperson, Delegation to the Parliamentary Cooperation Committees EU-Armenia, EU-Azerbaijan and EU-Georgia

**18.30** End of hearing