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Administration des Députés

# DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE PURSUANT TO AN INVITATION AT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5(3) OF ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING  
THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL  
INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

**Surname:** Elles

**Forename:** James

*I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, in particular Annex I thereof containing the Code of Conduct for Members, hereby declare, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Code of Conduct, and the decision taken by the Bureau on 15 April 2013, that I have, pursuant to an invitation and in the performance of my duties as a Member of the European Parliament, attended at the following event organised by a third party where my travel, accommodation or subsistence expenses were paid or reimbursed by a third party:*

**Date:** 14 April 2014

**STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DECLARATION ARE MADE UNDER THE SOLE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER AND MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF THE NEXT MONTH FOLLOWING THE FINAL DATE OF THE MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE AT AN EVENT PURSUANT TO THE BUREAU DECISION OF 15 APRIL 2013.**

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MANDATORY INFORMATION	
THIRD PARTY	Name, function and address of the third party who reimbursed or paid the expenses of the Member <sup>4</sup>
TYPE OF EXPENSES COVERED	Travel: Yes
	Accommodation: Yes
	Subsistence expenses: No
	Dates (and duration) of the Member's attendance at the event:
DETAILS OF THE EVENT ATTENDED	Type of event (if the event programme is not available for attachment hereto, give explanation in comments' section below):
OPTIONAL INFORMATION	Venue (country, city):
	COMMENTS

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS UK and Ireland office)
Yes / No: Yes
Type (e.g. flight, train): Flight
Category (e.g. economy, business): Premium economy
Yes / No: Yes
Name of hotel: KAS's own accommodation
Number of nights <sup>5</sup> : two nights
Yes / No / In part (insert details in the comments' section below) No
21 - 23 March 2014
Speaker at a conference entitled, 'German British Dialogue' organised by KAS (programme is enclosed)
Cadenabbia, Italy

<sup>4</sup> If the third party is registered in the Transparency Register, reference can be made hereto.  
<sup>5</sup> Separate declaration for breakfasts is not required.

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## PROGRAMME



UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND OFFICE



## GERMAN BRITISH DIALOGUE

Conference in Cadenabbia, 21-24 March 2014

### **Friday, 21st March 2014**

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| 6.00 pm | Arrival of participants |
| 7.00 pm | Welcome dinner          |

### **Saturday, 22nd March 2014**

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| 8.00 am | Breakfast |
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| 9.00 am | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b><br><i>Hans-Hartwig Blomeier, KAS-London</i> |
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| 9.15 am | <b>United Kingdom – outlook 2014</b><br>Key events in 2014, for example the European elections in May and the Scottish referendum in September, will impact the build-up to 2015 and the UK General Election. The economy has earned positive predictions on growth rates, and unemployment figures appear to be moving in the right direction. Despite this, relationships have become frayed in the Coalition government, and predictions for 2015 remain cagey. What are the big issues for the UK in 2014 and how will these be likely to play out politically? |
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*Introduction:*  
*Dr Phillip Lee, MP*

*Moderation:*  
*Ben Harris-Quinney, Chairman, Bowgroup*

11.00 am Coffee break

11.30 am Excursion – Lake Como

12.30 pm Lunch

4.00 pm Coffee

4.30 pm **Conservative Party and CDU: Where is our common ground?**

The scope for practical cooperation between the Conservative Party and the CDU was significantly reduced with the decision by David Cameron to withdraw from the European People's Party. Despite this, there are clearly areas of mutual interest and significant common ground between the two parties. In what areas can beneficial cooperation be undertaken, and how? What scope is there for joint arguments to be advanced?

*Introduction:*

*Jesse Norman, MP*

*Prof Tim Bale, Queen Mary University*

*Dr Philipp Murmann, MdB*

*Moderation:*

*Laura Sandys, MP*

7.00 pm Dinner

### **Monday, 24th March 2014**

8.00 am Breakfast

9.30 am **Summary and conclusions**

**Closing remarks**

Hans-Hartwig Blomeier, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

**Transfer to the airport**

5.00 pm

**Welfare migration: Challenges for the UK and Germany?**

The debate regarding migrants from Bulgaria and Romania is the latest example of an issue that remains at the top of the agenda for many national governments. That specific case explicitly concerns freedom of movement within the European Union however there are other issues as well. Asylum applications play a big role in migration policy and are heavily linked to foreign policy objectives and normative approaches couched in debates about values. There is a tension between arguments that assess immigration from an economic perspective and those that approach the issue from a position of social cohesion. With regards to skilled and unskilled immigration, what room exists for selectivity?

*Introduction:*

*Jens Spahn, MdB*

*Damian Collins, MP*

*Moderation:*

*Julian Smith, MP*

7.00 pm

Drinks in the Villa

7.30 pm

Gala Dinner (Dress code: Lounge Suit)

**Sunday, 23rd March 2014**

8.00 am

Breakfast

9.30 am

**The upcoming European Election – threat from populist and right wing parties?**

One political result of the global financial crisis has been the rise of populist forces. The specifically European crisis relating to the common currency has produced populism of the left and right, fuelled by economic insecurity and a surge in euroscepticism. Although this can be seen as one trend, the relevant actors – AfD, UKIP, Front Nationale, Geert Wilders, Bepe Grillo, Syriza, etc – are intrinsically linked to their national contexts. This raises questions about the capacity for these movements to construct consensus on a European level, but also the potential for a common response. What can the UK teach Germany with regards to addressing euroscepticism? And what should Christian Democratic and Conservative parties do to address challenges from the right?

*Introduction:*

*Thomas Jarzombek, MdB*

*James Elles, MEP*

*Timothy Kirkhope, MEP*

*Moderation:*

*Fiona Melville, Consultant, Finsbury*

11.00 am Coffee break

11.30 am **Germany after the election**

Elections in Germany produced a "Grosse Koalition" in office. Chancellor Angela Merkel received a record endorsement, but the majority of seats in the Bundestag are now to the left of the CDU – what are the implications of this for Germany's politics? Internationally, President Joachim Gauck's speech at the Munich conference implied a greater global role for Germany, and a greater responsibility to take assertive action. Does this represent a new consensus in foreign affairs, and commitment to leadership?

*Introduction:*

*Dr Günter Krings, PSt, MdB*

*Moderation:*

*Neil Carmichael, MP*

1.00 pm Lunch

3.00 pm **Coalition government: party profile vs. coalition consensus**

Historical experience differs in Germany and the UK with regards to coalition government. In Germany there has only been one single-party government since 1945, whereas in the UK, coalition government has been a comparatively rare occurrence. What level of compromise is acceptable? What are the best strategies for managing coalition both between partners, and within parties themselves? Intra-party insurgencies of the US Tea Party variety are an example of major parties failing to maintain internal consensus. What are the lessons from the UK and German experiences?

*Introduction:*

*Ansgar Heveling, MdB*

*Charlie Elphicke, MP*

*Moderation:*

*Nico Lange, Deputy Director for political consulting, KAS*

4.30 pm Coffee Break



## **Participants**

**Prof Bale,** Tim, University of London

**Blomeier,** Hans-Hartwig, Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

**Carmichael,** Neil, MP

**Collins,** Damian, MP

**Elles,** James, MEP

**Elphicke,** Charlie, MP

**Harris-Quinney,** Ben, Chairman, Bowgroup

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**Kirkhope,** Timothy, MEP

**Dr Krings,** Günter, MdB

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**Dr Lee,** Phillip, MP

**Melville,** Fiona, Consultant, Finsbury

**Dr Murmann,** Philipp, MdB

**Norman,** Jesse, MP

**Sandys,** Laura, MP

**Smith,** Julian, MP

**Spahn,** Jens, MdB