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JOINT SEMINAR

THE PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Wednesday 31 January 2007
09:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

European Parliament,
Rue Wiertz 60 - Brussels
Altiero Spinelli building, room ASP 5G2

DRAFT PROGRAMME

This joint seminar is an excellent opportunity for both members of the **European Parliament** and of the **NATO Parliamentary Assembly** to establish contacts and discuss the issue of the Protection of Critical Infrastructures, whilst benefiting from presentations by the German Presidency, Mr Gijs de Vries, EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator, the European Commission and the Council of the EU.

With regards to **the NATO Parliamentary Assembly,** Lord Jopling, Special Rapporteur of the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security, will prepare a report this year on "The Protection of Critical Infrastructures". This report will look at what critical infrastructures are, which threats they face, and what role NATO and the European Union can play for their protection. This report follows up on the Committee's work for the past few years on the protection of civilian populations against terrorism and natural disasters. In 2006, the Committee adopted a report on 'NATO and Civil Protection' and in 2005 a report on 'Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Detection'. These reports aim to inform national parliamentarians of recent developments regarding the protection of civilian populations in the EU/NATO area.

With regards to the **European Parliament,** the LIBE committee will prepare an opinion in 2007 for the Council on the very recent "Proposal for a Directive of the Council on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructure and the assessment of the need to improve their protection" (COM(2006) 787, 2006/0276 (CNS)). Our committee has already dealt with this matter, the most recent report being the one entitled "Fight against terrorism: protection of the critical infrastructures" 2005/2044(INI) - rapporteur Mr. Lambrinidis.

OPENING SESSION
09:30 a.m. - 09.50 a.m.

- **Mr Jean-Marie CAVADA**, Chairman of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- **Mr Paulo CASACA**, Chairman of the EP Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- **Mr Michael CLAPHAM,** Chairman of the Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

PRESENTATIONS
09:50 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

- **Mr Jürgen MERZ**, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Chair of the Council working group PROCIV, on behalf of the German Presidency - presentation of the priorities in the field of European Critical Infrastructure
- **Ms Nina COMMEAU-YANNOUSSIS**, Commission, Head of Unit at the DG TREN (Unit J.3 - Protection of energy facilities and critical infrastructures)
- **Mr Hans DAS**, Commission, Deputy Head of Unit at the DG ENV (Unit ENV.A.3 - Civil protection)

JOINT DEBATE
10:30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

- **Mr Gijs DE VRIES** - EU Counter-terrorism Co-ordinator
- **Mr Magnus OVILIUS**, Commission, Head of Sector at the DG JLS (Unit JLS.D.1 - Preparedness and crisis management)

JOINT DEBATE
11:45 a.m. - 12.20 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS
12:20 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.

- **Mr Jean-Marie CAVADA,** Chairman of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.
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PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes.

During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest possible number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes per contribution or question.

The floor will be given to Members in the order in which requests are received.

Speakers wishing to supplement their speeches may do so in writing by submitting documents (preferably in English or French) in advance to the secretariat (email: ip-libe@europarl.europa.eu) These documents will be circulated during the meeting.

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