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**Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and
the Common Security and Defence Policy**

Dublin Castle, 24 & 25 March 2013

DRAFT AGENDA

Sunday, 24 March 2013

11:30 - 15:15 Registration desks open at the hotels

For participants in the Meeting of the Heads of Delegations

14:15 Departure by bus from hotels to Dublin Castle

15:00 - 15.45 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the national parliaments of the EU and the European Parliament to discuss (i) the proposal to appoint an Ad Hoc Review Committee and (ii) the proposal on a fact-finding mission regarding the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Neighbourhood

Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

15:15 Departure by bus from hotels to Dublin Castle

15.45-16.15 Coffee

16:15-16.45 **Opening of the Conference**

Welcome address by the Ceann Comhairle, Mr. Seán Barrett T.D.

Opening remarks by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Pat Breen T.D.

Opening remarks by the Head of Delegation of the European Parliament, Mr. Elmar Brok MEP

Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

16:45-18:00 **SESSION 1**
The CFSP and CSDP - Working for Peace, Security and Development in Africa
Address by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms. Catherine Ashton

Debate





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18:00-18:30 **Proposal to appoint an Ad Hoc Review Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference**

Presentation by the Presidency Parliament

Debate

18:30-19:00 **Proposal by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus on a fact-finding mission regarding the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Neighbourhood**

Presentation by the Cyprus Parliament

Debate

19:10 Departure of delegates by bus from Dublin Castle to Royal Hospital, Kilmainham

19:30 Welcome reception

20:15 Dinner hosted by the Ceann Comhairle, Mr. Seán Barrett T.D.

Venue: Royal Hospital, Kilmainham

22:30 Return by bus to the hotels

Monday, 25 March 2013

08:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to Dublin Castle

Venue: The Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle

09:15-11:00 **SESSION 2
Conflict prevention - the EU as Peacemaker**

Address by the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Eamon Gilmore T.D.

Debate

11:00-11:40 Coffee Break/Family Photo





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11:40-
13:10

Workshop 1 - St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle
The Comprehensive Approach to instability in Africa - the experience of the Horn of Africa

Drawing on the contributions of the High Representative and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, this workshop will enable parliamentarians to debate the Comprehensive Approach in the context of the implementation of the CFSP and CSDP in the Horn of Africa. The workshop will include opening contextual remarks and will thereafter be moderated and reported to the Plenary.

Moderator: Mr. Ronan Murphy, former Director of Irish Aid

Contextual

remarks: Ms. Joelle Jenny, Director for Conflict Prevention and Security Policy, EEAS

Rapporteur: Mr. Arnaud Danjean, Chairman of the Security and Defence sub-Committee, European Parliament

Workshop 2 - St George's Hall, Dublin Castle
The Middle East Peace Process - the role of the European Union

Drawing on the contributions of the High Representative and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, this workshop will enable parliamentarians to debate the role of the European Union in the Middle East Peace Process. The workshop will include opening contextual remarks and will thereafter be moderated and reported to the Plenary.

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Reinicke, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

Rapporteur: Mr. Petras Austrevicius, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

13:10

Buffet Lunch hosted by the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Pat Breen T.D. and the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality, Mr. David Stanton T.D.

Venue: Castle Hall, Dublin Castle





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- 15:00-
16:30 **SESSION 3**
European Council on Defence 2013
Address by the Minister for Justice, Defence and Equality, Mr. Alan Shatter T.D.
- Debate
- Remarks by Mr. Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General, EEAS
- 16:30-
17:30 Reports by rapporteurs on Workshops
- Closing remarks
- Adoption of Conference Conclusions
- 17:35 Departure by bus to the hotels
- 20:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Round Room, Mansion House
- 20:30 Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Pat Breen T.D. and the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality, Mr. David Stanton T.D.
- Venue: *Round Room, Mansion House*
- 23:00 Departure by bus to the hotels

Tuesday, 26 March 2013

Departure of delegations

Glossary

Ceann Comhairle: *President/Speaker of Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives)*
Tánaiste: *Deputy Prime Minister*
T.D: *Teachta Dála/Member of Dáil Éireann*