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DRAFT AGENDA

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING

European Parliament - National Parliaments

Conference on the Democratic oversight of Intelligence Services in the European Union

Thursday, 28 May	09.00 - 12.30 14.30 - 18.00
Friday, 29 May	09.00 - 12.00

European Parliament, Brussels

Room: JAN 2Q2

Organised with the support of the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

Background and purpose of the meeting

Whereas the operations of intelligence authorities fall within the competence of Member States, and Article 4(2) TEU clearly states that national security is the sole responsibility of each Member State, recent events have pointed to the need to increase cooperation between national intelligence services and their respective supervisory bodies across the Union. The development of an EU Internal Security Strategy is also a clear sign of the necessity of improving cooperation and exchange of national information. Moreover, while the prevention of security threats, such as terrorist attacks, remains strictly a national competence, their prosecution requires legal and judicial cooperation, as expressly recognized in Article 83 TFEU. Finally, increased mobility within Europe and the further development of the online environment necessitate a closer cooperation between Member States to ensure that fundamental rights are fully respected.

In this context, this conference aims at bringing together relevant national and European actors in the field of intelligence services and their oversight to discuss recent developments and their repercussions in their respective fields.

Order of business

Thursday, 28 May 2015

09.00 – 09.10 Introductory remarks by Mr Claude Moraes, Chair LIBE Committee (EP) and former EP rapporteur on the "Electronic Mass Surveillance" Inquiry

09.10 – 09.20 Introductory remarks by Ms. Solvita Aboltina, Chair of the National Security Defence Committee of the Latvian Parliament

09.20 – 12.30	OPENING SESSION: The repercussions on intelligence oversight of a rapidly changing world
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Rapid global recent developments have led intelligence services to undergo considerable change in terms of the nature and focus of their work and to exponentially increase the scope and scale of international cooperation. This represents a growing challenge to existing national oversight and accountability mechanisms.

How have intelligence services adapted to the changed circumstances? What are the current and future trends in international intelligence cooperation (and what kind of cooperation)?

What are the repercussions of the above on national oversight and accountability mechanisms? How should those be adapted in order to ensure effective scrutiny of intelligence activities?

Chair: Mr Claude Moraes and Mr Siegfried Bracke, Chair of the Belgian House of Representatives

09.20 – 09.35 Presentation on the role of the EU Intelligence Analysis Centre and accountability mechanisms – Mr Ilkka Salmi, Director of IntCen

09.35 – 09.50 Presentation by Mr David Bickford, former Legal Director of the security and intelligence agencies MI5 and MI6

09.50 – 10.50 Questions & Answers / Debate

10.50 – 11.05 Presentation of the 2015 Update to the Venice Commission report on Democratic oversight of the security services – Prof Iain Cameron, University of Uppsala

11.05 – 11.20 Presentation of the FRA comparative study on democratic surveillance – Dr Mario Oetheimer, Head of Sector Information Society, Privacy and Data Protection, Fundamental Rights Agency

11.20 – 12.30 Questions & Answers / Debate

Lunch break

14.30 – 15.45	WORKSHOP I¹: Upcoming challenges for oversight bodies – changing nature of security threats and rapid technologic developments
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Implementation of national oversight mechanism and bodies across Europe has been uneven in terms of the mandates and powers in each Member State. This situation has been highlighted by many current and upcoming challenges such as the changing international nature of security threats including radicalisation, “foreign fighters”, and the development of the Dark net. This combined with the revolutionary development in data storage and analysis capacities, the increase of internet bandwidth and the development of mobile computing devices may enable intelligence services to collect and process vast quantities of personal data to counter security challenges.

How do these phenomena affect intelligence activities and what are the repercussions of these trends for the oversight of intelligence?

Are oversight bodies sufficiently equipped in order to carry out their tasks appropriately, in view of the above? What form of additional (technical) expertise or powers would be required for that purpose?

How can we better achieve accountability of intelligence gathering and cooperation?

What are the challenges of the increase threat of international, cross-border threats including in relation to radicalisation and so called “foreign fighters” for intelligence oversight?

How does the rapid advancements in technological developments and the mobility of data impact on the role of national oversight bodies?

Chair: Mr Claude Moraes and Dr André Hahn, Chair of the Parliamentary Oversight Panel, German Bundestag

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| 14.30 – 14.45 | Cyberchallenges in the internal security field – Mr Wil M. Van Gemert, Deputy Director Operation, European Cybercrime Center, Europol |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | How to deal with collection of digital data – Dr Thorsten Wetzling, Stiftung neue Verantwortung / Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | Presentation by Dr Bertold Huber, Deputy President of the G-10 Commission, German Bundestag |
| 15.15 – 15.45 | Questions & Answers / Debate |

¹ Workshops will be held in camera according to the Chatham House Rule

15.45 – 18.00	WORKSHOP II¹: Fostering cooperation and exchange of best practices between intelligence oversight bodies in the EU
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Recognising the need for increased cooperation between national oversight bodies of intelligence agencies in Europe, a platform has been established allowing oversight bodies to share common problems and best practices (ENNIR). However, such cross-border cooperation is still haphazard, limited and ad-hoc.

What practical measures could be taken to foster intelligence oversight cooperation in Europe (e.g. secretariat, link to existing network of national parliaments, sharing certain specialized resources/expertise)?

What are the main barriers and how could they be overcome (e.g. language barriers, confidentiality, 3rd party rule, different forms of oversight and national legislation, security clearance, risk of leaked documents)?

Is it recommendable to develop within Europe collaborative mechanisms or minimum standards for intelligence oversight? If so, how could these be developed in practice?

Chair: Mr Claude Moraes and Sen Giacomo Stucchi, Chair of the Committee for the security of the Republic, Italian Parliament

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| 15.45 – 16.00 | Presentation by Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Rapporteur for the draft reports on "Mass surveillance" and "the protection of whistleblowers" |
| 16.00 – 16.15 | Best practices from the national parliamentary oversight bodies – Dr André Hahn, Chair of the Parliamentary Oversight Panel, German Bundestag |
| 16.15 – 16.30 | Best practices from the national expert oversight bodies – Mr Guy Rapaille, Chair of the Belgian Comité R |
| 16.30 – 16.45 | Presentation by Prof. Ian Leigh, Durham Law School |
| 16.45 – 17.00 | Presentation by Mr Theo Koritzinsky, Member of the Norwegian Parliamentary Intelligence Oversight Committee (EOS Committee) |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | Questions & Answers / Debate |

Followed by a cocktail reception

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Order of business

Friday, 29 May 2015

09.00 - 12.00	WORKSHOP III¹: The role of national committees of inquiry and oversight committees in a globalized world
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The role of a committee of inquiry is to provide some scrutiny on government or intelligence services action. Its mission is to highlight the malfunctions in a public case under discussion. The committee formed by parliamentarians should collect pieces of information either on given facts or on the management of public services, in order to submit their findings to the assembly which created them.

What are the necessary conditions (duration, composition, extent of investigative powers, etc.) for the committees to perform their duties properly?

What are the problems most often faced by committees of inquiries in their work (e.g. access to classified information, summoning of witnesses, publication of report etc.) and how can they be overcome?

Chair: Mr Claude Moraes and Dr Bertold Huber, Deputy President of the G-10 Commission, German Bundestag

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| 09.00 – 09.15 | Presentation by Sen Giuseppe Esposito, Vice-Chair of the committee for the security of the Republic, Italian Parliament |
| 09.15 – 09.30 | Presentation by Prof Dr Patrick Sensburg, Chair of the Committee of Inquiry on the NSA (1. Untersuchungsausschuss), German Bundestag |
| 09.30 – 09.45 | Presentation by Mr Jean-Marie Delarue, President of the French Commission nationale de contrôle des interceptions de sécurité (CNCIS) |
| 09.45 – 11.00 | Questions & Answers / Debate |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | Concluding remarks and follow-up |

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING

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All participants from national Parliaments (Members, officials and Brussels-based representatives) need to complete the online registration form for the event at the following web address http://www.opinio.europarl.europa.eu/opinio/s?s=secured_icm_libe

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- *During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time of speakers will be limited as indicated in the draft programme. Speaking time of other participants will depend on the number of parliamentarians wishing to intervene and the available time.*
- *Members are kindly asked to fill in the sheet requesting speaking time (indicating their name and parliament) which will be distributed in the meeting room.*
- *Speakers wishing to supplement their speeches may do so in writing by submitting a document (preferably in English or French) in advance to the secretariat (email:libe-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu). These documents will be circulated during the meeting.*
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