EU Multiannual Financial Framework and Own Resources

"EU Budget beyond 2013: which expenditure and which resources?"

2nd high-level Conference

with national parliamentarians co-sponsored by the European Parliament, the Danish Presidency of the Council and the European Commission

> Brussels, 22 March 2012 Paul-Henri Spaak building (PHS) – Hemicycle

08.30 Registration of participants (*Venue: Altiero Spinelli building, Simone Veil Agora entrance*) and welcome coffee (*Venue: 2nd floor PHS*)

09.30 - 10.30 Opening session by

Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament Mrs Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Danish Presidency of the Council, Prime Minister Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

10.30 - 13.00 Session 1: Revenue : New Own Resources

Panel:

Trio Presidency of the Council: Mr Andreas Mavroyiannis, Deputy Minister for European Affairs, Cyprus

National Parliament: Mrs Eva Kjer Hansen, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament

European Parliament: Mr Jean-Luc Dehaene, co-Rapporteur on Own Resources, Budgets Committee

European Commission: Mr Janusz Lewandowski, Commissioner

Moderator: Mr Jaume Duch-Guillot (EP spokesman)

Open debate:

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- Financial transaction tax
- Rebates and other national compensations
- Link with GNI

Closing remarks by panellists

13.00 - 14.30 Buffet lunch offered by the Danish Presidency of the Council (Venue: PHS - Espace Yehudi Menuhin)

14.30 - 17.00 Session 2: Expenditure : Multiannual Financial Framework after 2013 as a strategic investment tool

Panel:

Trio Presidency of the Council: Mr Mikołaj Dowgielewicz, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

National Parliament: Mr Alex White, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, Irish Parliament

European Parliament: Mr Ivailo Kalfin, co-Rapporteur on MFF, Budget Committee European Commission: Mrs Neelie Kroes, Vice-President

Moderator : Mr Jaume Duch-Guillot (EP spokesman)

Open debate:

- The EU Budget: an instrument towards growth, competitiveness and inclusion?
- CAP and Cohesion: policies for the future?
- Infrastructure projects: financing European added value?
- Synergies and complementarities between the EU and national budgets
- A more efficient and user-friendly EU Budget

Closing remarks by panellists

17.00 - 17.30 Closing remarks by

Mr Maroš Sefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission Mr Alain Lamassoure, Chairman of the European Parliament's Budgets Committee Mr Nicolai Wammen, Danish Presidency of the Council, Minister for European Affairs