

COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS

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The Riksdag - Stockholm - May 20-22

Draft programme

Sunday 20 May 2001

Arrival of participants, registration of Conference participants at the hotels

- 19.30 Departure from hotels to the Vasa Museum
- 20.00 Guided tour at the Vasa Museum
Buffet dinner, hosted by Mr. Sören Lekberg,
Chairman of the Committee on European Union Affairs

Monday 21 May 2001

- 8.45 Departure from hotels
- 9.00 Possible registration (for those not registered during the Sunday)
- 9.15 Opening of the Conference (adoption of the agenda, setting of
limit on speaking time, information about how to ask for the floor)
- 9.30 **The Swedish Presidency**
Opening speech by Mr. Göran Persson, Prime Minister
Debate
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Enlargement**
Opening speech by Mrs. Anna Lindh, Minister for Foreign Affairs
Debate
- 12.45 Departure to the Stockholm City Hall
- 13.00 Buffet lunch in the Golden Hall, hosted by the City of Stockholm
- 14.45 Return to the Riksdag

- 15.00 **The role of national parliaments**
Interim report from the working group
Discussion
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.15 Continuation of discussion
- 17.30 Photo call
- 17.45 Return to hotels
- 17.45 Preparatory meeting of the chairpersons (article 10.4 of the Rules of
Procedure)
Return to hotels
- 19.45 Departure from hotels
- 20.00 Dinner in the Grand Gallery, the Riksdag, hosted by Mrs. Birgitta Dahl,
Speaker of the Swedish Riksdag

Tuesday 22 May 2001

- 8.45 Departure from hotels
- 9.00 **Environment**
Opening speech by Mrs. Margot Wallström, Member of the European
Commission with responsibility for environment, and Mr. Kjell
Larsson, Minister for the Environment
Debate
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Review of draft contributions**
- 12.30 End of Conference
- 13.00 Buffet lunch in the Grand Gallery, the Riksdag, hosted by Mr. Sören
Lekberg, Chairman of the Committee on European Union Affairs
- 15.00 Boat sightseeing (return to the Riksdag 16.30)

Note on methods of examination and adaptation for draft contributions

Pursuant to article 10.2 of the rules of procedure, each national delegation can table a draft contribution to COSAC. To increase efficiency of COSAC proceedings, it appears necessary to clarify requirements for tabling and reviewing of possible draft contributions. The purpose is to enable a real work prior to review by COSAC.

- 1) First, possible drafts should be sent to the Presidency before **April 5**, by e-mail when possible (*presidence@cosac.org*) or by fax. (+ 46 8 786 61 63) All drafts should preferably deal with national parliaments and the EU, or one of the other themes on the agenda of COSAC. To prevent any delay in the circulation of the documents, it is required to send drafts **both in French and in English**. Finally, the draft should not exceed **one page**: experience shows that delegations find too long texts more difficult to review.
- 2) The Presidency will make the draft contributions available on the COSAC web site (www.cosac.org) and send them to delegations by e-mail. At the working group meeting on April 9, draft contributions on the role of national parliaments will be discussed. If time allows, the working group might also take other subjects under consideration.
- 3) The Presidency will send draft COSAC contributions for comments after the working group meeting. The timetable will be decided on at the working group meeting.
- 4) The preparatory meeting of chairmen of delegations, in pursuance of art. 10.4 of the rules of procedure, will take place on Monday May 21 at 5.45 PM, after the first day of debates of COSAC. Contributions will be decided upon by COSAC on Tuesday, May 22, at 11.15 AM in pursuance of art. 10.5 of the rules of procedure.