



BELGIAN SENATE

**6th Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for the
Oversight of Intelligence and Security Services
of the European Union Member States**

Brussels, 2010

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, September 29th, 2010

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| 17.30 - 19.30 | Registration in hotel Hilton |
| 19.30 | Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate |
| 20.00 - 21.30 | Welcome drink in the Senate |
| 21.30 | Return by bus to the hotel |

Thursday, September 30th, 2010

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| 09.00 | Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | Registration - Coffee |
| 10.00 - 10.15 | Welcome and introductory remarks
Prof Dr Danny Pieters (B) , Speaker of the Belgian Senate,
Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Standing Committee I |
| 10.15 - 11.15 | <u>Significant developments in the oversight framework in the European Union
Member States : case studies</u>

Introductory speaker and chairman
Mr Dirk Claes (B) , senator

“ A review committee acting as a jurisdictional body. The new role of the
Belgian Committee within the framework of reviewing special intelligence
methods. ”
Mr Guy Rapaille (B) , Chairman of the Belgian Standing Committee I

“ The creation of a parliamentary delegation for intelligence in the French
parliament. ”
Mr Josselin de Rohan (F) , First vice-chairman of the French <i>Délégation
parlementaire au renseignement</i> |
| 11.15 - 11.30 | Coffee break |

- 11.30 - 12.15 “ Role of the European parliament in the oversight of intelligence activities. Actual cases. Future perspectives. ”
Mr Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar, Chairman of the committee on civil liberties, justice and home affairs of the European Parliament
- Q&A
- 12.15 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.15 Theme 1 : Distinguishing characteristics of parliamentary oversight as compared with other complaint-handling mechanisms
- Introductory speaker and chairman
Prof Dr Johan Vande Lanotte (B), Professor Public Law University Gent, Minister of State, Senator
- “ Oversight arrangements in the UK and the role of the Intelligence Services Commissioner. ”
Rt. Hon. Sir Peter Gibson (UK), Intelligence Services Commissioner
- “ Norwegian Parliamentary Oversight : an effective remedy ? (EHRC, art. 13). ”
Mr Trygve Harvold (NOR), Member of the Norwegian Parliamentary Intelligence Oversight Committee
- “ The oversight of correspondence, posts and telecommunications monitoring by intelligence services in Germany. ”
Dr Hans de With (DE), Chairman of German G10-commission
- Q&A
- 15.15 - 15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30 - 17.00 Theme 2 : Classified information vs. freedom of speech
- Introductory speaker and chairman
Prof Dr Francis Delpérée (B), Professor emeritus of Catholic University Louvain, Senator
- Prof Dr Hugo Vandenberghe (B)**, Professor emeritus of Catholic University Leuven, Former Vice-Speaker of the Senate, former Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Standing Committee I
- Prof Dr Pedro Gomes Barbosa (P)**, Member of the Council for Oversight of the Portuguese Intelligence System
- Q&A
- 17.15 Departure of the bus from the Senate to the hotel
- 19.00 Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate
- 19.30 Conference dinner offered by the Belgian Senate
- 21.45 Departure of the bus from the Senate to the hotel

Friday, October 1st, 2010

- 8.30 Departure of the bus from the hotel to the Senate
- 09.00 - 10.30 Theme 3 : National oversight on intelligence sharing at an international level
- Introductory speaker and chairman
Mr Armand De Decker (B), Senator, Minister of State, Vice-Speaker of the Senate, former Speaker of the Senate, former Chair of the Monitoring Committee of the Standing Committee I
- “ National oversight of international intelligence sharing : problems and possible solutions. ”
Prof Dr Iain Cameron (S), *Juridiska institutionen*, University of Uppsala
- “ Partners in business ? ”
Mr Bert Van Delden (NL), Chairman of the Dutch Review Committee on the Intelligence and Security Services
- Q&A
- 10.30 - 10.45 Coffee break
- 10.45 - 12.15 Theme 4 : Presentation of the draft European centre of expertise for the parliamentary oversight of the intelligence and security services
- Introductory speaker and chairman
Prof Dr Danny Pieters (B), Speaker of the Belgian Senate, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Standing Committee I
- “ *Experientia mutua omnibus prodest* or Mutual experience benefits all. On the establishment of a European Intelligence Review Agencies Knowledge Centre. ”
Mr Peter De Smet (B), Member of the Belgian Standing Committee I
- Q&A
- 12.15 - 14.00 Photo session + lunch
- 14.00 - 15.00 Theme 5 : Minimal requirements for effective and efficient parliamentary oversight
- Introductory speaker and chairman
Dr Philippe Mahoux (B), Senator, Chairman of the federal advisory committee on european questions, vice-Chair of the Committee on Human Rights of parliamentarians of the Interparliamentary Union
- “ Legal and human rights foundations for parliamentary oversight of intelligence. ”
Prof Dr Ian Leigh (UK), Professor at Durham Law School
- “ Principles and best practices on the legal and institutional frameworks for intelligence and intelligence oversight in counter-terrorism. ”
Mr Hans Born (NL), Head of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) research working group on Parliamentary Accountability of the Security Sector and Legal Aspects of Security Sector Governance
- Q&A

15.00 - 15.30

Closing of the Conference : Declaration of Brussels

Chairman

Prof Dr Danny Pieters (B), Speaker of the Belgian Senate, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Standing Committee I

15.30

Departure of the bus from the Senate to the hotel
