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**Programme for the Conference  
of the Social Affairs and Public Health Committee Chairs  
of the Parliaments of the Member States of the European Union  
and the Candidate States**

**Brussels, 7-8 December 2010  
Palais de la Nation – Place de la Nation 2 – 1008 Brussels**

**Tuesday 7 december 2010**

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11:30	<i>Transfer by coach from the hotels</i>
From 11:30	<i>Accreditation</i>
	<u>Venue</u> : Péristyle
12:00-13:30	Lunch hosted by Mr Danny PIETERS, Speaker of the Senate
	<u>Venue</u> : Residence of the Speaker of the Senate

**Theme nr. 1 –  
Measures to foster Employment as a means of Fighting Poverty**

13:45	Welcome speech and introduction by Mr Yvan MAYEUR, Chair of the Social Affairs Committee of the House <u>Venue</u> : Plenary Hall of the House
14:00	Overview by Mrs Joëlle MILQUET, Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Employment and Equal opportunities
14:15	Overview about the Situation in Europe by Henri LOURDELLE, Social Protection Advisor at the European Trade Union Confederation
14:45	Debate
15:45	<i>Family photo</i> <i>Coffee break</i>

**Theme nr. 2 –**

**Provisions with respect to a minimum income and the fight against poverty**

16:15	Introduction by Mr Dirk CLAES, Chair of the Social Affairs Committee of the Senate
16:30	Overview by Mr Philippe COURARD, Secretary of State in charge of Social Integration and Fight against Poverty
16:45	Overview about the Situation in Europe by Professor Ides NICAISE, research manager at the Higher Institute for Labour Studies of the <i>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</i>
17:15	Debate
18:15	<i>Transfer by coach to the hotels</i>
19:30	<i>Transfer by coach from the hotels</i>
20:00	Dinner hosted by Mr André FLAHAUT, Speaker of the House <u>Venue</u> : Bibliothèque Solvay (Parc Léopold – Rue Belliard, 137 – 1040 Bruxelles)
22:00	<i>Transfer by coach to the hotels</i>

**Wednesday 8 december 2010**

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8:30	<i>Transfer by coach from the hotels</i>
From 8:30	<i>Accreditation</i> <u>Venue</u> : Péristyle
9:00	Introduction by Mr Hans BONTE, Chair of the Public Health Committee of the House
9:15	Overview by Mrs Marie-Anne PARASKEVAS, Policy officer of the Task force for the European year 2010 to combat poverty and social exclusion of the European Commission
9:45	Debate
10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>

**Theme nr. 3 –**

**Conditions for access - and impediments - to Social Integration (especially Health)**

10:45	Overview about the Situation in Europe by Mrs Katrien DE BOYSER, Professor at the <i>Universiteit Gent</i>
11:15	Overview by Mrs Laurette ONKELINX, Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health
11:30	Debate
12:00	Lunch at the Residence of the Speaker of the Senate
14:00	<i>Optional guided tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate</i>