



**Assembly of Western European Union
The Interparliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly**

**Conference
on
“Cooperation on defence systems procurement in Europe”**

**16-17 September 2004
Enschede, Netherlands**

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Wednesday 15 September 2004

Arrival of participants and accommodation in hotels.
(Shuttle buses will leave Schiphol airport at 16.00, 18.00 and 20.00)

19.00 - 21.00 Registration for participants at the Dish Hotel Enschede

Thursday 16 September 2004

08.15 Registration opens for participants (Dish Hotel Enschede)

08.30 Buses leave from the Star Hotel Hengelo (*Participants and accompanying persons*)

08.45 Buses leave from the Country Hotel De Broeierd Enschede (*Participants and accompanying persons*)

Coffee

[09.00 Accompanying persons leave Dish Hotel for tour of Hengelo and surrounding area and meet up with conference participants in Münster at 16.00]

09.30 **Opening of the Conference**

Opening remarks:

- Mr Bart VAN WINSEN, Vice President of the WEU Assembly

Addresses by:

- Mr René VAN DER LINDEN, Chairman of the Netherlands Delegation to the WEU Assembly
- Mr Jan MANS, Mayor of Enschede
- Mr Cees VAN DER KNAAP, State Secretary for Defence of the Netherlands

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **First session: Improving European capacities**

Chairman: Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT, Chairman of the Political Committee

Speakers:

- Mr Charles GOERENS, Former Defence Minister, Luxembourg
- Rear Admiral Dirk VAN DORD, National Armaments Director, Netherlands
- Major General Jean-Pierre HERREWEGHE, Deputy Director General, EU Military Staff

Debate

12.30 Departure by coach from the Dish Hotel conference centre to **Thales Nederland B.V.** (Hengelo)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch hosted by **Thales Nederland B.V.**

14.30 – 16.00 Visit of the **Thales Nederland B.V. site**

16.00 Departure for **Münster**

17.00 Reception given by the City of Münster at the historic Town Hall

18.00 Briefings by the **Netherlands-German Army Corps (NATO Reaction Force)** at Münster Town Hall

19.30 Buses leave Münster Town Hall

20.00 Dinner at the Netherlands-German Army Corps Headquarters

22.00 Return to hotels

Friday 17 September 2004

- 08.00** Buses leave the Star Hotel Hengelo (*Participants should check out and bring their luggage on the bus*)
- 08.15** Buses leave the Country Hotel de Broeierd (*Participants should check out and bring their luggage on the bus*)

08.30 Arrival at Dish Hotel and coffee

09.00-10.30 Second session: The European Defence Agency (EDA)

Chairman: Mr Antonio BRAGA, Rapporteur for the Technological and Aerospace Committee

Speakers:

- Mr Francis GEVERS, Head, Armaments Secretariat, WEAG, Brussels
- ICA Christophe BURG, Deputy Director for Cooperation and Industrial Affairs, *Délégation Générale de l'Armement* (French National Armaments Procurement Agency)
- Mr Arto KOSKI, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Defence, Finland
- Mr Joseph PRIEUR, Directorate General for Research, European Commission

Debate

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 Third session: The European Defence Technology and Industrial Base (EDTIB)

Chairman: Mr John WILKINSON, Chairman of the Defence Committee

Speakers:

- Mr Arno J.H.M. PEELS, President and CEO, Thales Nederland B.V., and Vice President, Thales
- Mr Bill GILES, Director General Europe, BAE SYSTEMS
- Mr Scott HARRIS, President, Continental Europe, Lockheed Martin
- Mr Denis VERRET, Vice President, International Affairs, EADS (European Aeronautic Defence and Space company)

Debate

12.30 Conclusion by Mr Antonio BRAGA, Rapporteur for the Technological and Aerospace Committee

Envoi: Mr Marcel GLESENER, President of the WEU Assembly
Mr Bart VAN WINSEN, Vice President of the WEU Assembly

12.45 Lunch in the Conference centre hosted by Mr Frans WEISGLAS, President of the House of Representatives of the States General of the Netherlands

14.30 Buses leave for Schiphol airport

End of programme

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