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(First Part)

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**DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS**

of the first part of the fifty-third session  
to be held at the Palais d'Iéna, Paris 16e,  
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**MONDAY 4 JUNE**

**Morning**

- 08.30**      **Meetings of Political Groups (see separate timetable)**  
Federated Group of Christian Democrats and European Democrats  
Liberal Group  
Socialist Group

**Afternoon**

- 15.00**    **1**    Opening of the first part of the 53<sup>rd</sup> session
- 2**    Examination of credentials
- 3**    **Address by the President of the Assembly**
- 4**    Adoption of the draft order of business for the first part of the 53<sup>rd</sup> session
- 5**    **Address by Mr Georgi PIRINSKI, Speaker of the Bulgarian Parliament**
- 6**    **Address by Mr Christian SCHMIDT, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of  
Defence of Germany, representing the German WEU/EU Presidency**
- Questions and answers
- 7**    **Address by Mr Teodor MELEŞCANU, Minister for Defence of Romania**
- Questions and answers
- 8**    **“ESDP: the way ahead – Conclusions of the Berlin Conference – reply to the annual  
report of the Council” (Document C/[1968](#))**
- Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Political Committee by Mr Lluís Maria de  
PUIG, Rapporteur (Spain, Socialist Group)
- Debate
- Vote on the draft recommendation*

**9 “Parliamentary scrutiny of external operations” (Document C/[1972](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Committee for Parliamentary and Public Relations by Mrs Emelina FERNÁNDEZ SORIANO, Vice-Chairwoman and Rapporteur (Spain, Socialist Group)

Debate

*Vote on the draft resolution*

**TUESDAY 5 JUNE**

**Morning**

**From 8.30**    **Committee meetings (see separate timetable)**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**10.00**    **1**    **“Security in the High North” (Document C/[1969](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Political Committee by Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT FONT de MORA, Chairman and Rapporteur (Spain, Federated Group) and Mr Odd Einar DØRUM, co-Rapporteur (Norway)

**2**    **Address by Ms Liv Monica Bargem STUBHOLT, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway**

Questions and answers

**3**    **“Security in the High North” (Document C/[1969](#))**

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

**4**    **“The EU battlegroups – reply to the annual report of the Council” (Document C/[1964](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Defence Committee by Mr Jean-Pierre KUCHEIDA, Rapporteur (France, Socialist Group)

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

TUESDAY 5 JUNE

Afternoon

15.00 1 **“The EU and security in south-east Europe” (Document C/[1970](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Political Committee by Mr Gerd HÖFER, Rapporteur (Germany, Socialist Group)

2 **Presentation by Mr Tim JUDAH, Balkan Analyst, The Economist**

3 **“The EU and security in south-east Europe” (Document C/[1970](#))**

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

4 **“European land forces in external operations: personnel and funding” (Document C/[1963](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Defence Committee by Mr Doug HENDERSON, Rapporteur (United Kingdom, Socialist Group) and Mrs Meritxell BATET LAMAÑA, Vice-Chairwoman and co-Rapporteur (Spain, Socialist Group)

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

5 **“Stability and security in Europe: the challenge of enlargement as reflected in public opinion” (Document C/[1973](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Committee for Parliamentary and Public Relations by Mr Marco ZACCHERA, Vice Chairman and Rapporteur (Italy, Federated Group) and Mrs Anca PETRESCU, co-Rapporteur (Romania)

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

6 **“The appeals boards and appeals procedures in the co-ordinated organisations with special reference to Western European Union” (Document C/[1967](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges by Mr Humfrey MALINS, Rapporteur (United Kingdom, Federated Group)

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

**WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE**

**Morning**

**From 8.30**    **Committee meetings (see separate timetable)**

**PLENARY SESSION**

**10.00**    **1**    **“The role of European forces in NATO missions in Afghanistan” (Document C/[1962](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Defence Committee by Mr Ignacio COSIDÓ GUTIÉRREZ, Rapporteur (Spain, Federated Group)

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

**2**    **“The European Defence Agency two years on” (Document C/[1965](#))**

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Technological and Aerospace Committee by Mr Yves POZZO DI BORGIO, Rapporteur (France, Independent)

**11.00**    **3**    **Address by Mr Manuel LOBO ANTUNES, State Secretary for European Affairs of Portugal, representing the incoming WEU/EU Presidency**

Questions and answers

**4**    **“The European Defence Agency two years on” (Document C/[1965](#))**

Debate

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE

Afternoon

15.00 1 “Weapons in space – part II” (Document C/[1966](#))

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Technological and Aerospace Committee by Mr Alan MEALE, Rapporteur (United Kingdom, Socialist Group)

2 “Missile defence – a common European position?” (Document C/[1971](#))

Presentation of the report tabled on behalf of the Technological and Aerospace Committee by Mr Edward O’HARA, Chairman and Rapporteur (United Kingdom, Socialist Group)

Joint debate

3 “Weapons in space – part II” (Document C/[1966](#))

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

4 “Missile defence” (Document C/[1971](#))

*Vote on the draft recommendation*

CLOSE OF THE FIRST PART OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION