



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

**Draft programme  
for the conference marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing on  
23 October 1954 of the Paris agreements modifying the 1948 Brussels Treaty  
of Economic, Social and Cultural Collaboration and Collective Self-Defence, and establishing  
the Assembly of WEU**

**Wednesday 20 October 2004, at the Belgian Senate, Brussels,  
at the invitation of Mrs Anne-Marie LIZIN  
President of the Belgian Senate**

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**From collective to common defence?  
European security and defence in the age  
of international terrorism**

**11.30 Opening ceremony (Chamber of the Senate)**

*Trio "Anais" with musicians from the European Union Youth Orchestra (EUYO)*

**50th anniversary of the signing of the 1954 Paris Agreements modifying the  
Brussels Treaty – the future of European collective defence**

**Anne-Marie Lizin**, President of the Belgian Senate; **Herman De Croo**, President of the Belgian House of Representatives; **Stef Goris**, President of the Belgian Delegation to the Assembly of WEU; **Marcel Glesener**, President of the WEU Assembly; **Janusz Onyszkiewicz**, Vice-President of the European Parliament; **Jan Dirk Blaauw**, Former President of the WEU Assembly.

Debate

*Trio "Anais"*

**13.00** *Press conference in Room "M"*

**13.00** Buffet lunch at the Cercle Gaulois (for all conference participants)

**15.30 Afternoon session (Chamber of the Senate)**

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international terrorism**

Chair:

**Stef Goris**, President of the Belgian Delegation to the Assembly of WEU

Confirmed speakers:

15.30 “The European Security Strategy: the meaning of collective Defence in an age of uncertainty”, **Robert Cooper**, Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs, Council of the European Union

Questions

“The solidarity and mutual assistance clauses in the European Union’s Constitutional Treaty”, **Antonio Missiroli**, European Union Institute for Security Studies

Questions

**Ambassador Günter Altenburg**, Assistant Secretary General of NATO for political affairs and security policy

Questions

“The role of nuclear weapons and the future of nuclear deterrence”, **André Dumoulin**, Royal Military College, Brussels

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Final Debate

17.30 Conclusions

**20.00 Formal dinner** with a guest of honour in the Senate reception rooms (by invitation only)

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