

**Conference of Defence Committee Chairpersons of the Member States of  
the European Union, the European Parliament and the Candidate States**

**Assembly of the Republic – São Bento Palace**

**Lisbon – 30 September and 1 October 2007**

*Programme*

**Sunday, 30 September 2007**

Arrival of the participants

16:30 - Registration of participants and delivery of documentation at the hotels

20:00 – Departure from the hotels to dinner

20:30 – Dinner hosted by the President of the Assembly of the Republic, Mr.  
Jaime Gama, at the Jerónimos Monastery

Return to the hotels

**Monday, 1 October 2007**

08:30 – Transport from the hotels to the Assembly of the Republic

08:45 – Arrival at São Bento Palace (the main building of the Assembly of the  
Republic)

Registration of participants (for those that did not register the day before)

09:00 – Senate Hall

Opening by the Chairman of the National Defence Committee, Júlio  
Miranda Calha, MP

*The Future of the European Security and Defence Policy* by the Minister  
of National Defence, Professor Nuno Severiano Teixeira

Debate

10:00 - *European Defence: ambitions and realities*, by the Chairman of the  
European Union Military Committee, General Henri Bentégeat  
Debate

10:45 – Coffee break

11:15 – *Geospacial Intelligence in support of the European Security and Defence Policy*, by the Director of the European Union Satellite Centre, Mr. Frank Asbeck

12:00 – *Portuguese Armed Forces, reality and way ahead*, by the Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, General Valença Pinto  
Debate

12:45 – Group photograph at the Staircase of São Bento Palace

13:00 – Lunch – Buffet, hosted by the Chairman of the National Defence Committee, Mr. Júlio Miranda Calha, at the Restaurant of the New Parliamentary Building, at the Assembly of the Republic

14:30 – Round table

*Europe/Africa: perspectives*

With:

- Minister of Defence of Angola, General Kundi Paihama;
- Minister of Defence of Ghana, Mr. Albert Kan-Dapaah (Chair of the African Union);
- Minister of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Selmo Cikotič;

16:15 – Closing statement by the Chairman of the National Defence Committee, Júlio Miranda Calha.

Cocktail, hosted by the Chairman of the National Defence Committee, Júlio Miranda Calha, at S. Bento Palace. <sup>i</sup>