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The Interparliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly**

8 June 2007

**SEMINAR ON EUROPE'S MARITIME FRONTIERS**

**Lisbon, Tuesday 18 September 2007**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**09.00** Registration of participants

**09.30** Opening

Mr Jaime GAMA, Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament

Mr Jean-Pierre MASSERET, President of the WEU Assembly

Mr José VERA JARDIM, Leader of the Portuguese Delegation

Mr João Mira GOMES, Secretary of State for Defence and Maritime Affairs

**10.00** **1st sitting: "Maritime environment and threats"**  
**What kind of coastguard missions?**

Chairman: Mr Jean-Pierre Masseret (France, Socialist Group), President of the WEU Assembly

Mr Antonio VITORINO, former European Commissioner

Mr Franco FRATTINI, Vice-President of the European Commission

Mr Iikka LAITINEN, Director of the Frontex Agency

Mr ....., representing the southern Mediterranean countries (cooperation)

**Debate**

**11.30** **Second sitting: "Organisation of the European Union and NATO"**

Chairman: Mr José Vera Jardim (Socialist Group), Leader of the Portugal Delegation

Representative of the Frontex Agency: Maritime surveillance centres and networks / exercises/ real operations, etc.

Representative of NATO: Role of NATO in the maritime surveillance of frontiers

Representative of the EUMS: Naval components within the EU

- Euromarfor
- The planned maritime rapid reaction force (EUMC/EUMS)
- The MTG (Maritime Task Group)

**Debate**

**13.00** **Lunch**

**15.00**      **Third sitting: “The new roles of European navies: maritime and air surveillance”**

Chairman: Mr João Mota Amaral (Federated Group)

- National experience and coordination among administrations:
  - Portugal
  - Spain
  - Italy (Rome Surveillance Centre)
  - Greece
  - Denmark
- Possible improvements and necessary resources
  - Admiral Van Huffel, Deputy Secretary-General for the Sea (France)
- Representatives of industry
  - Naval or air platform projects
  - Projects for European surveillance networks

**Debate with the Representative of the Frontex Agency****17.30**      **Conclusions**

Chairman of the Defence Committee of the Portuguese Parliament: Mr Julio  
MIRANDA CALHA

Chairman of the Defence Committee of the WEU Assembly: Mr Robert WALTER