

SECURITY SECTOR REFORM IN THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONTEXTS

Regional Seminar for Parliaments from South-East Asia and the Asia-Pacific region hosted by the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand and organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in cooperation with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

Phuket, 1-2 September 2006



PROGRAMME

Friday, 1 September 2006

9 - 9.30 a.m.	Opening of the seminar Mr. Martin Chungong, Director, Division for the Promotion of Democracy, Inter-Parliamentary Union Mr. Philipp Fluri, Deputy Director, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces His Excellency Mr. Suchon Chaleekure, President of the Senate of Thailand and Acting President of the Parliament of Thailand
9.30 - 10.45 a.m.	General introduction: The new thinking and the need for a comprehensive security approach (Dr. Kriengsak Chareonwongsak, former Member of Parliament of Thailand) <i>Debate</i>
10.45 - 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Security at the national level - The role of the security sector in society (Dr. Panitan Wattanayakorn, Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand) - The role of the National Security Council in Thailand's security agenda (Mr. Choombhon Lertrathakarn, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of the National Security Council, Thailand) <i>Debate</i>
12.30 - 2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.30 - 4 p.m.	Security as a shared responsibility - Building effective civil-military relationships (Mr. Philipp Fluri, Deputy Director, DCAF) - Civil society involvement and the role of the media in the security debate (Mr. Robert Karniol, Asia Pacific Bureau Chief, Jane's Defence Weekly) <i>Debate</i>
4 - 4.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.15 - 5.45 p.m.	Specific instances of parliamentary oversight - Ensuring transparency and accountability in security budgeting (Dr. Jay-Kun Yoo, Member of the National Defense Committee, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea) - The work of parliamentary defence and foreign affairs committees (Mr. Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade of the Australian Parliament) <i>Debate</i>

Saturday, 2 September 2006

9.30 - 11 a.m.	Multidimensional security challenges in South-East Asia - Transnational crimes (Mr. Philipp Fluri, Deputy Director, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces) - Terrorism (Mr. Thomas Quiggin, Senior Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Singapore) <i>Debate</i>
11 - 11.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Security sector reform as a regional challenge - Current South-East Asia and Asia-Pacific security architecture and the road ahead: (Mr. Amitav Acharya, Professor, Deputy Director, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Singapore) <i>Debate</i>
12.30 - 2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.30 - 4 p.m.	Security sector and human rights - Training of the police and the army (Dr. Homayoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for South East Asia, Bangkok, Thailand) - Oversight of security operations in response to exceptional threats and unconventional threats (Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former Member of Parliament of Thailand and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand) <i>Debate</i>
4 - 4.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4.15 - 5.30 p.m.	Summing-up and closure of the seminar