



NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE CHALLENGES IN LATIN AMERICA - THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS

REGIONAL CONFERENCE - BOGOTÁ, 21-22 NOVEMBER 2011

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2011

VENUE: PARLIAMENT BUILDING

9–9.30 a.m. **Inaugural ceremony**

- Mr. Rogier Huizenga, Manager, Human Rights Programme, Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Mr. Philipp Fluri, Assistant Director, Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) - Geneva
- Mr. Antonio Guerra de la Espriella, Vice-President of the Senate, Republic of Colombia

9.30–9:45 a.m. *Coffee break*

9:45 a.m.–1 p.m. **PART I: Bilateral and regional cooperation on defence and security matters, with a special focus on the work of UNASUR**

- ▶ UNASUR's work and impact in the area of regional defence and security: Mr. Alejo Vargas Velásquez, Professor, National University of Bogotá/Director, Research Group on Security and Defence (Colombia)
- ▶ Bilateral and regional cooperation in tackling cross-border organized crime: Mr. Bill Godnick, Coordinator, Public Security Programme, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- ▶ The European experience - what can be learnt from it? Commander Martin F.H. Piechot, Defence Attaché, German Embassy in Bogotá

Discussion

1–2.15 p.m. *Lunch*

2.30–4 p.m. **PART I: Regional and bilateral cooperation on defence and security matters**

- ▶ Case studies: Mr. Sebastián Ovejero (Argentina), Director of Applied Research on Security and Strategic Support
- ▶ Drawing lessons from the European experience: Mr. Hans Mathieu, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Colombia (FESCOL) and Director, Cooperation Programme for Regional Security in Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Philipp Fluri, Assistant Director, DCAF

Discussion

4–4.15 p.m. *Coffee break*



- 4.15–6 p.m. **Part II: Strengthening security at the national level**
- ▶ The national security sector and the high wave of organized crime and violence: Mr. Pedro Abramovay (Brazil), Professor of law, Fundação Getulio Vargas and former Justice Secretary for drug-related cases
 - ▶ Rebalancing the roles of the military and other security forces and the relevant ministries: Mr. Armando Rodríguez Luna, Researcher, Think tank on democratic security (CASEDE)
- Discussion*
- 8 p.m. *Welcome cocktail*

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2011

VENUE: CROWNE PLAZA TEQUENDAMA HOTEL

- 9–10.45 a.m. **Part II: Strengthening security at the national level**
- ▶ How to deal with the continuous expansion of the private sector as a guarantee of private security? Ms. Patricia Arias (Chile), Researcher, Centre for Development Studies
- Discussion*
- 10.45–11 a.m. *Coffee break*
- 11 a.m.–1 p.m. **Part III: Parliamentary mechanisms and practices related to the security sector**
- ▶ Parliamentary defence committees - their powers and resources: a member of the Colombian Congress (to be confirmed)
 - ▶ The budget: A key tool for democratic governance: Mr. Hans Mathieu, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Colombia (FESCOL) and Director, Cooperation Programme for Regional Security in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 1– 2.15 p.m. *Lunch break*
- 2.30 – 4.30 p.m. **Part III: Parliamentary mechanisms and practices related to the security sector**
- ▶ Conducting intelligence work: Parliamentarians' access to confidential information – requirements and obligations: Mr. Sebastián Ovejero (Argentina), Director of Applied Research in Security and Strategic Support
- Discussion*
- 4.30–4.45 p.m. *Coffee break*
- 4.45–5.15 p.m. **Presentation of conclusions by Rapporteur**
- 5.15–5.45 p.m. **Closing session** ■
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