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**The United Nations and the European Union:
An Ever Stronger Partnership**

18 May 2004

Palais d'Egmont – Egmontpaleis, Brussels

Programme

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 – 9.10 Welcome Address, Mr. *François de Kerchove*, Director-General, KIIB/IRRI
- 9.10 – 9.30 Keynote Address: Belgium, the EU and the UN Ambassador *Alex Van Meeuwen*, Director-General DG Multilateral Affairs and Globalisation, Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Session I. Towards a Structural Cooperation between the UN and the EU

- Chairperson: Prof. Dr. *Jan Wouters*, President United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, Director of the Institute for International Law, KU Leuven
- 9.30 – 9.45 The UN and the EU: A Mutually Reinforcing Partnership
Dr. Omar Bakhet, Director, United Nations Office, Brussels
- 9.45 - 10.00 The EU and the UN: Towards a Structural Cooperation
Mr. Jim Cloos, Director Transatlantic Relations, Council of the EU
- 10.00 - 10.15 Institutional Ambiguities and Political Realities in the EU - UN Relationship
Prof. Pieter-Jan Kuijper, Legal Service of the European Commission
- 10.15 - 10.35 Discussion
- 10.35 – 11.00 Coffee and Tea Break

Session II. UN-EU Cooperation on Development, Humanitarian, Human Rights and Refugees Issues

- Chairperson: Prof. Dr. **Marc Bossuyt**, Vice-President United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, Professor of International Law, Universiteit Antwerpen, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Judge at the Belgian Cour d' Arbitrage
- 11.00 – 11.15 UN-EU Cooperation in the Area of Development
Mr. Timo Wilkki, European Commission, DG Development
- 11.15 – 11.30 UN-EU Cooperation in the Area of Humanitarian Aid
Mr. John Aylieff, World Food Programme
- 11.30 – 11.45 UN-EU Cooperation in the Area of Human Rights
Mrs. Véronique De Keyser, Member of the European Parliament
- 11.45 - 12.00 UN-EU Cooperation concerning Refugees
Mr. Jacques Mouchet, Regional Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to the Benelux and the EU
- 12.00 – 12.30 Panel and Floor Debate
- 12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

Session III. UN-EU Cooperation in the Area of Security: Conflict Prevention, Conflict Management, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Terrorism

- Chairperson: Prof. Dr. **Neri Sybesma Knol**, Honorary President United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, Emeritus Professor of International Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 14.00 - 14.15 UN-EU Cooperation in the Area of Security: in Search of Effective Multilateralism and a Balanced Division of Tasks
Dr. Sven Biscop, Senior Researcher, KIIB/IRRI, Visiting Professor, Ghent University
- 14.15 - 14.45 UN-EU Cooperation in the Areas of Conflict Prevention, Conflict Management and Post-Conflict Reconstruction
Ms Claude-France Arnould, Director, Defence Aspects, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU
Dr. Omar Bakhet, Director, United Nations Office, Brussels
- 14.45 – 15.00 UN-EU Cooperation on Terrorism
Mr. Paul Rietjens, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU
- 15.00 - 15.30 Panel and Floor Debate
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee and Tea Break

Session IV. The UN, the EU and the role of civil society

- Chairperson: Mrs. **Ria Heremans**, Honorary Board Member, United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, Former Director of UNIC Benelux
- 16.00 - 17.00 Panel and floor Debate with Interventions of:
- Mr. Andreas Nicklisch, Deputy Director, Regional United Nations Information Center (RUNIC)
- Jean-Paul Marthoz, Human Rights Watch
- Mrs. Kathrin Schick, Director, Voice (Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in International Emergencies)
- 17.00 - 17.15 Closing Address: The UN, the EU and Belgium: Three Solid Partners: Speaker to be confirmed.