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5 March 2007 Auditory Barcelone, Fortis, Rue du Pont Neuf, 17, Brussels

Programme

9:00 - 10:00 Coffee and registration

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome

Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, President of United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, professor of international law and the law of international organizations, KULeuven Ambassador Lode Willems, Director External Affairs, Fortis

10:10 - 10:30 Keynote: Belgium in the Security Council

Ambassador Pierre Chevalier, Special Envoy of the Belgian Government to the Security Council

Session I. How does the Security Council work in practice?

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Rik Coolsaet, professor of international relations, Ghent University, and director of the Security & Global Governance Program, Egmont-Royal Institute for International Relations

10:30-12:00

Panel focusing on: agenda setting, decision-making procedures, the position of the P5; relationship to the Secretariat, UNGA and PBC; the sanctions policy of the UNSC and the sanctions committees; the UNSC's normative activities; counterterrorism; peacekeeping

- Mr. Rudi Brieven, Security Council Coordinator/United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium
- Ambassador Benedicte Frankinet, Head of United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium
- Mr. Wilm Geurts, Security Council Team, United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium
- Ambassador William Imbrie, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy to Belgium
- Prof. Dr. Ann Pauwels, vice-president, United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, European University College Brussels/Vrije Universiteit Brussels

12:00 - 13:00 Panel and floor debate

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Session II. International and European Perspectives on the Security Council

Chair: Prof. Dr. Em. Neri Sybesma-Knol, honorary president, United Nations Association Flanders Belgium, professor emeritus of international law, Vrije Universiteit Brussels

14:00 – 15:30 Panel focusing on international and European perspectives

- Dr. Stefan Talmon, Reader in Public International Law, University of Oxford
- Prof. Dr. Erika De Wet, Professor of International Constitutional Law, Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam
- Prof. Mr. Niko Schrijver, Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University
- Dr. Marek Grela, Director, Transatlantic Relations, Latin America, United Nations, Counter-terrorism, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union
- Mrs. Karen Fogg, Head of Unit United Nations, DG Relex, European Commission
- Ms. Edith Drieskens, Institute for International and European Policy, KULeuven

15:30 - 16:30 Panel and Floor debate

16:30	Keynote: The Security Council, the United States and the Future of the UN Ambassador Frans Vandaele, Permanent Representative of Belgium to NATO
17:00	Conclusions by Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters and end of conference
17:15	Reception offered by UNA Belgium Flanders

Participation is free. Please register in advance by 1 March at info@vvn.be

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