

# European Regional Meeting of the Trilateral Commission

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## The Hague, The Netherlands, November 11-13, 2011

### (35th Meeting of the European Group)

*At The Hague Hilton Hotel*

*Note: European Chairman **Mario Monti** and European Member **Lucas Papademos** – initially scheduled to chair the conference and address the participants – were retained in their countries, the former appointed (since confirmed by Parliament) as President of the Council of Ministers of Italy, and the latter sworn in as Prime Minister of Greece.*

### Conference Proceedings

#### **Friday, November 11**

19h00-22h00

Official reception and dinner hosted by the Mayor of The Hague at the Peace Palace

*Welcome remarks during the reception by*

**Eli Leenaars**, Dutch Group Chairman and European Treasurer, The Trilateral Commission, and Member, ING Management Board Banking

**Peter Sutherland**, European Honorary Chairman, The Trilateral Commission

Keynote speaker: **Jozias van Aartsen**, Mayor of the Hague

#### **Saturday, November 12**

09h00-12h00

#### **SESSION I ON THE NETHERLANDS: THE CHALLENGE OF REFORM IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD**

Chair: **H. Onno Ruding**, Chairman, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels; former Dutch Minister of Finance

09h10-10h10 **FLEXIBILITY, SECURITY AND SOLIDARITY**

Moderator: **Alexander Rinnooy Kan**, Chairman, Social and Economic Council of The Netherlands (SER)

**Bernard Wientjes**, Chairperson, Confederation of The Netherlands Industry and Employers

**Agnes Jongerius**, Chairperson, Dutch Labor Union FNV

10h35-11h50 **INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Moderator: **Louise Fresco**, University Professor, University of Amsterdam

**Maxime Verhagen**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation

**Hans Wijers**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Akzo Nobel, Arnhem

**Bjørn Lomborg**, Director, Copenhagen Consensus Centre; Adjunct Professor, Copenhagen Business School

12h15-14h00

Luncheon at the Communications Museum hosted by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation

Keynote speaker: [H.R.H. Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange](#)

14h30-16h30

## **SESSION II ON THE EU-MEDITERANEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD: EUROPE'S RESPONSE TO THE "ARAB AWAKENING"**

Chair: **Elisabeth Guigou**, Deputy Chairperson and Member of the French National Assembly; Member of the Trilateral Task Force; Presentation of the Trilateral Report on *Europe's Response to the Arab Spring*

JORDAN: **H.R.H. Prince El Hassan bin Talal**, Chairman, WANA Forum (West Asia/North Africa), Amman

TUNISIA: **Mustapha Kamel Nabli**, Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia

EU REPOSE: **Bernardino León**, European Union Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean Region, Brussels

[\*Europe's Response to the Arab Awakening, Contributions by European Members to the Panel Discussion\*](#)

18h00-19h30

**Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands** receives the European members and guests of the Trilateral Commission at Noordeinde Palace.

20h00-22h30

Official dinner in the *Ridderzaal* hosted by **Uri Rosenthal**, Minister of Foreign Affairs with musical entourage of the *Koninklijk Concertgebouworkest*

Keynote Speaker: [Mark Rutte](#), Prime Minister

## ***Sunday, November 13***

Chair: **Vladimir Dlouhy**, European Deputy Chairman, The Trilateral Commission; International Advisor, Goldman Sachs; former Czechoslovak Minister of Economy; former Czech Minister of Industry and Trade, Prague

8h30-10h30

## **SESSION III ON EUROPE AND THE CRISIS: "TOO MUCH DIVERSITY — TOO LITTLE UNITY?"**

introduced by **André Sapir**, Professor ULB, Senior Fellow, BRUEGEL, Brussels

**Jürgen Fitschen**, Member of the Management Board and of the Group Executive Committee, Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt/Main

**Edmond Alphandéry**, Chairman, CNP Assurances, Paris; former Minister of the Economy and Finance, France

10h45-12h45

## **EUROPE AND THE CRISIS (continued)**

**Panagis Vourloumis**, Senior Adviser, N.M. Rothschild; former Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer, Hellenic Telecommunications Organization (O.T.E.), Athens

**Antonio Borges**, Director, European Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC

*Keynote addresses:*

**Paul A. Volcker**, Honorary North American Chairman, The Trilateral Commission, New York;  
former Chairman,

U.S. Federal Reserve

**Jean-Claude Trichet**, former President of the European Central Bank

Concluding remarks by the Conference Chairmen

**TC/WANA Forum/Workshop on EU-West Asia-North Africa Relations,**

co-chaired by **H.R.H. Prince El Hassan bin Talal** of Jordan and

**Stefano Silvestri**, President of the Italian Institute of International Affairs (IAI), Rome,  
followed over lunch into the afternoon.