



**Assembly of Western European Union
The Interparliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly**

**CELEBRATION TO MARK THE 50th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FIRST SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, Thursday 23 June 2005

- 14.30 *Presentation of the book written and published by the Assembly:*
- The European Defence Debate 1955-2005”
- 15.00 *Plenary Session of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly*
- Address by Jaap DE HOOP SCHEFFER, Secretary-General of NATO and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council (former Member of the Assembly)
 - Debate on “Democratic oversight of the security sector in member states”, Rapporteur: Lluís Maria DE PUIG (former President of the Assembly)
- 17.15 *Formal Ceremony:*
- Chaired and introduced by Stef GORIS, President of the Assembly of WEU, the Interparliamentary European Security and Defence Assembly
- Welcome by René VAN DER LINDEN, President of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (Member of the Assembly)
- Remarks by:
- Javier SOLANA, Secretary-General of WEU and EU High Representative for CFSP
 - Terry DAVIS, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe (former Member of the Assembly)
 - Jaap DE HOOP SCHEFFER, Secretary-General of NATO (former Member of the Assembly)
- Addresses by the Leaders of the Political Groups:
- Marcel GLESENER, Federated Group of Christian Democrats and European Democrats
 - Mike HANCOCK, Liberal Group
 - Jean-Pierre MASSERET, Socialist Group
- Contributions from former Presidents of the Assembly
- 18.15 *Envoi musical*
- 18.45 Transport from the Palais de l'Europe to the Palais Rohan
- 19.30 “Birthday Party” hosted by the Mayor of Strasbourg, Senator Fabienne KELLER