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11th PLENARY MEETING BERLIN: 25/26 JUNE 2004

ENLARGED EUROPE IN A DIFFICULT WORLD OUTLINE AGENDA

Friday 25 June at Axel-Springer-Haus

16.30

Tea

17.00

Welcome: Lord Weidenfeld, Mathias Doepfner

17.15-19.00

Session One: COPING WITH THE NEW SECURITY THREATS

Introducer: Interior Minister of the Federal Republic Otto Schily
Speakers: Jean-Louis Gergorin, Dominick Chilcott

- Does Europe have the will and the capacity to resist terrorism?
- Are national or transnational responses most effective against the new security threats ?
- How will the EU's eastward expansion affect its relations with the greater Middle East, the US, and Russia?
- How much further can Europe enlarge? Would Turkish EU membership help solve the problems – or make them worse ?

19.30 for 20.00

Dinner: British Embassy: Where are we Three ?

Saturday 26 June

9.00- 10.45

Session Two: ECONOMIC REFORM AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Chair: Francois Heisbourg
Speakers: Adair Turner, Edouard Michelin, Joachim Bitterlich

- In which areas is Europe competitive and where are we lagging the US and the new economies ?
- How realistic is the Lisbon process? Why has it taken so long to implement? Will Europe stay the course?
- Does Europe have the right structures to make the most of enlargement ?

11.15

Session Three DOES EUROPE LACK THE ELITE IT NEEDS?

Speakers: Alain Minc, Roland Berger, John Weston

- Is European culture less focused on economic growth than the US and its competitors? Are our universities failing ?
- How can corporate Europe attract more of the talent, reverse the brain-drain, and perform better in the global recruitment market?
- How can Europe's leaders be more effective socially and politically as well as commercially?

1300

Buffet lunch and departure