



11TH PLENARY MEETING

PARIS: 14-15 NOVEMBER 2003

AGENDA

BIG FRIENDLY GIANT? : EUROPE LIVING WITH A HYPERPOWER

Friday 14 November

- 16.30 Tea at British Embassy
- 17.00 Welcome: Sir John Holmes, Charles de Croisset, Lord Weidenfeld
- 17.30 –19.15 **SESSION I: STRATEGIC/INTERNATIONAL**

Chairman Manfred Bischoff

Speakers: Christine Ockrent; Joachim Bitterlich; John Sawers

- Coping with America: Can multipolarity exist?
- Security and Defence: Is Europe kidding itself?
- Middle East: How can Europe help?

20.00

FORMAL DINNER: WHERE ARE WE THREE?

Speaker: Giscard d'Estaing

Reply: Baroness Amos

Saturday 15 November

09.00– 10.45

SESSION II: THE EUROPEAN UNION

- Old/New Europe: Is the division real?
- The Constitution: A New Beginning?
- Leadership: From 3 to 15 to 25?

Chairman Lord Weidenfeld

Speakers: Michael Mertes; Tim Garton Ash; Dominique Moisi

10.45 – 11.15

Break

11.15 – 12.30

SESSION III: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

Chairman: Jean-Claude Trichet

Speakers: Dr Paul Achleitner, Serge Weinberg, Lord Simon

- The Euro: Successful at last, or hiding the problems?
- European companies: Big enough ? Innovative enough?
- Governance: Is Europe lagging - or in the lead?