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Draft Schedule
2nd Transatlantic Center-Right Think Tank Conference
“Challenges to the West – Security, Democracy, and Prosperity”
Washington, DC, June 15-16, 2011

Wednesday, June 15

*IRI Headquarters
1225 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
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8:30 Continental Breakfast/Coffee

9:00 First Morning Session:
Political Developments in the United States, Canada, and Europe

Moderator: Werner Fasslabend, President, Political Academy, and former
Minister of Defense, Austria

- U.S. Political Update by David Winston (President, the Winston Group) and Myra Miller (Senior Vice President, the Winston Group)
- European Political Update by Wilfried Martens (President, EPP), Jaime Mayor Oreja MEP (Vice President of the EPP Group), and Mario Mauro MEP
- Canadian Political Update by Brian Lee Crowley (Managing Director, Macdonald-Laurier Institute), Mark Milke (Director, Alberta Policy Studies, Fraser Institute) and Ian Brodie (Strategic Advisor, Inter American Development Bank)

10:30 Break

10:45 Second Morning Session and Working Lunch:
Challenges and Opportunities of Advancing Democracy
(in cooperation with the European Ideas Network of the EPP Group)

10:45 Developments in Russia and Former Soviet Union/Eastern Neighborhood

Moderator: Roland Freudenstein, Deputy Director, Center for European Studies

- Tunne Kelam, MEP, Estonia
- Jan Olbrycht, MEP, Poland
- Eva Gustavsson, Managing Director, Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation, Sweden
- David Kramer, President, Freedom House, United States

12:15 Lunch

12:30 Developments in North Africa and the Middle East:
Responding to the “Arab Spring”

Moderator: Tomi Huhtanen, Director, Center for European Studies

- Mario David, MEP, Vice President of the EPP Group, Portugal
- Tokia Saïfi, MEP, France
- Mario Mauro, MEP, Italy
- Alberto Carnero, International Director, FAES, Spain
- Michael Singh, Managing Director, Washington Institute
- Scott Mastic, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, IRI

2:15 Break

2:45 Afternoon Session: “Thoughts on the Current Situation in American
Politics” by The Honorable Karl Rove

4:00 Break

6:30 Dinner with Keynote Speech

The Honorable Vin Weber
Chief Executive Officer, Clark and Weinstock
Former Member of Congress, Minnesota, 2nd District
Former Chairman of the Board, National Endowment for Democracy

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Thursday, June 16: On Capitol Hill at the Capitol Visitors Center

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Washington D.C., DC 20515
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9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:30 Morning Session:
Putting Economies Back on Track: Lessons Learned on State Intervention
(in cooperation with the European Ideas Network of the EPP Group)

9:30-10:15 Roundtable Discussion on Fiscal Reform

European: The Honorable John Bruton, Former Prime Minister, Ireland
American: Michael Gonzalez, Vice President – Communications
Heritage Foundation
Canadian: Brian Lee Crowley, Managing Director, Macdonald-Laurier
Institute

10:30-11:15 Roundtable Discussion on Trade Policy

European: The Honorable Christopher Fjellner, MEP, Sweden (TBC)
American: The Honorable David Dreier, Member of Congress
Canadian: Jasmin Guenette, Vice President, Montreal Economic Institute

11:30-12:15 Roundtable Discussion on Entitlements/Social Programs

European: Raymond Gradus, Director, CDA Scientific Institute, Netherlands
American: Dr. Tevi Troy, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute
Canadian: Ray Pennings, Senior Fellow and Director of Research, Cardus

12:15 Break

12:30 Lunch with Keynote Address

The Honorable Wilfried Martens
President, European People's Party
Former Prime Minister, Belgium

2:30 PM Lunch and Conference concludes

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