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COMMISSION DES AFFAIRES SOCIALES

**Presidents of the standing committees
in charge of social affairs
Meeting program**

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July 2008

**The main challenges facing social welfare
in the European Union's member States**

Wednesday 9th July, 2008

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| <i>2 PM to 8 PM</i> | Participants check in the hotels booked for the Conference |
| <i>7.30 PM</i> | Departure in a chartered bus from the hotels to the National Assembly - Hôtel de Lassay - 128 rue de l'Université - 75007 Paris |
| <i>8 PM</i> | Buffet diner in the gardens of the Hôtel de Lassay
Welcome speech by Pierre Méhaignerie, President of the National Assembly's standing committee on cultural, family and social affairs
Return to the hotels by chartered bus |

Thursday 10th July, 2008

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| <i>8.30 AM</i> | Departure from the hotels in a chartered bus from the hotels to the Senate - 15 rue de Vaugirard - 75006 Paris |
| <i>9 AM</i> | Delegates register in the Senate, Medicis Room - Salle Médicis |

Theme : employment, pensions, aging populations

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| <i>9.30 to 9.40 AM</i> | Opening address by Nicolas About, President of the Senate's standing committee on social affairs: "employment access (employment of the older workers, employment of the handicapped) and compensating revenues (minimum income and unemployment benefits)" |
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- 9.40 to 9.55 AM* Address by Vladimir Spidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities : “employment, pensions, aging populations : what are the European policies ?”
- 9.55 to 10.10 AM* Address by Valérie Létard, Secretary of State in charge of solidarity: “a new branch of the welfare system, compensating dependency”
- 10.10 to 11 AM* Debate
- 11 to 11.15 AM* Coffee break
- 11.15 to 12.15 AM* Debate
- 12.30 to 12.45 AM* Group photo shoot of the participants
- 12.45AM to 2.15PM* Lunch in the Senate - Salons de Boffrand
- 2.15 to 2.30 PM* Meeting with the press

Theme : health, health insurance

- 2.30 to 2.45 PM* Address by Pierre Méhaignerie, President of the National Assembly’s standing committee on cultural, family and social affairs: “how much can health expenditure increase as regards foreseeable economic growth in the European Union? How far should health costs be taken in charge by public funding and private insurance”
- 2.45 to 4.15 PM* Debate
- 4.15 to 4.30 PM* Address by Roselyne Bachelot, Minister for health, youth and sports : “the priorities of the French presidency regarding health”
- 4.30 PM* Closing of the Conference