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EASO Conference: 5 years of EASO and the CEAS: results and perspectives

23 September 2015

La Valette Hall, Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta, Malta

Draft Programme	
09.00 – 09.30	Welcome Coffee and registration
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome remarks by Mag Wolfgang Taucher , Chair of the EASO Management Board
09.45 – 10.00	Opening address by the Acting President of Malta, HE Mrs Dolores Cristina
10.00 – 10.30	Keynote speech: EASO and the Common European Asylum System - addressing the challenges that lay ahead by Mr. Frans Timmermans , First Vice-President, European Commission
10.30 – 11.00	Keynote speech: The changing global refugee situation: EU and EASO response by Dr. Volker Türk , Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR
11.00 – 11.30	Discussion and question time
11.30 - 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 12.20	Keynote speech: EASO - an instrument of support and solidarity by Hon Jean Lambert , Member of the European Parliament
12.20 – 13.00	Panel discussion and question time <i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Maria Stavropoulou , Director, Greek Asylum Service Mr. Christopher Hein , Director, Italian Refugee Council Mr. Gil Arias Fernandez , Deputy Executive Director, Frontex
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.20	Keynote speech: EASO – fostering cooperation and mutual trust in the field of asylum in the EU by Dr. Demetrios G. Papademetriou , Distinguished Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, MPI President, MPI Europe
14.20 – 15.00	Panel discussion and question time <i>Speakers:</i> Mr. Dirk Van den Bulck , Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons, Belgium Mr. Vincent Cochetel , Director, UNHCR Bureau for Europe
15.00 – 15.20	Keynote speech on EASO and the future of the Common European Asylum System: perspectives and opportunities by Mr. Antonio Vitorino , European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs (1999-2004)

15.20 – 16.00	Panel discussion and question time <i>Speakers:</i> Mr. Matthias Ruete , Director General, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission Mr. David Costello , Refugee Commissioner, Ireland Mr. Michael Diedring , Secretary General, ECRE
16.00 - 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 17.15	Concluding speech by Dr. Robert K. Visser , EASO Executive Director
17.15 – 17.30	Final remarks by Mag Wolfgang Taucher , Chair of the EASO Management Board
19:00	<i>Dinner at the Excelsior Hotel, Valletta</i>