

DECLARATION OF LISBON

The Representatives of the Committees within the European Union for the Oversight of Intelligence and Security Services from AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, DENMARK*, ESTONIA, FINLAND, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, LITHUANIA, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SWEDEN and THE UNITED KINGDOM, met in Lisbon on the 16th and 17th of June 2008 and:

Considering the need to continue the process of the European cooperation in a strategic sector such as the security and intelligence sector;

Considering the importance of parliamentary and constitutional oversight of the intelligence and security activities in the context of the expanded powers of these services;

Considering the experience obtained in the four meetings that were held in Rome, Bucharest and Lisbon and the contents of the Declaration of Bucharest;

They convened on:

- 1) Holding periodical meetings of EU countries to share experiences and promote the implementation of best practices in the parliamentary and constitutional oversight activities, in order to ensure the accountability of the intelligence activity with regard to the fundamental human rights and the democratic principles that are part of the European identity;
- 2) Inviting to participate in the next meetings some other European countries, such as Switzerland and Norway that are not part of the European Union, but have already expressed their will to share their experience and knowledge with us,
- 3) Defining the next issues that will be discussed, such as the relationship between the Media and the oversight committees and the need to comply with the requirements of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
- 4) Choosing Estonia as the host country for 2009.

*Made a general reservation concerning the Declaration

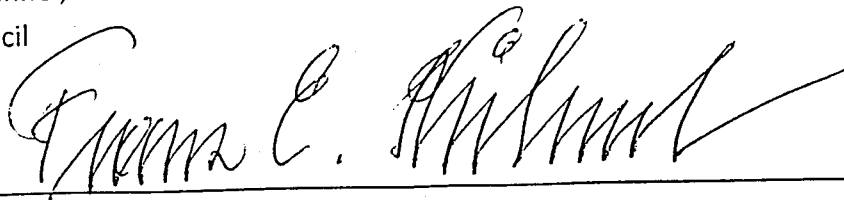
*General Reservation from Denmark:

The representative from Denmark could not join this declaration due to his status as secretary to the Danish Committee without any mandate to express political viewpoints.

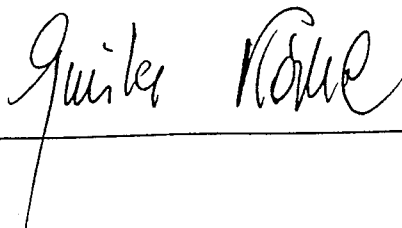
Ib Skovsted Thomsen

AUSTRIA

Dr. Franz Eduard Kühnel, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Internal Affairs
of the Federal Council



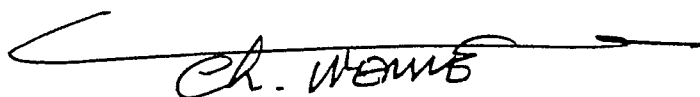
Mr. Günther Kössl, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Internal Affairs of the
Chamber of Deputies



BELGIUM

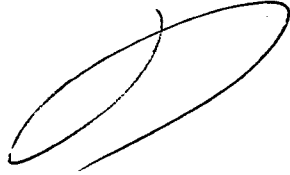
Mr. Armand de Decker, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee of the Belgian Standing
Intelligence Agencies Review Committee

Mrs. Christiane Vienne, member of the Monitoring Committee of the Belgian Standing
Intelligence Agencies Review Committee,



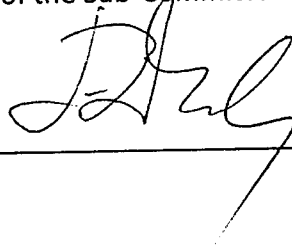
Mr. Paul Wille, member of the Monitoring Committee of the Belgian Standing
Intelligence Agencies Review Committee,

Mr. Guy RAPAILLE, Chairman of the Belgian Standing Intelligence Agencies Review
Committee



BULGARIA

Mrs. Tatyana Doncheva, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Public
Order and Chairman of the Sub-Committee

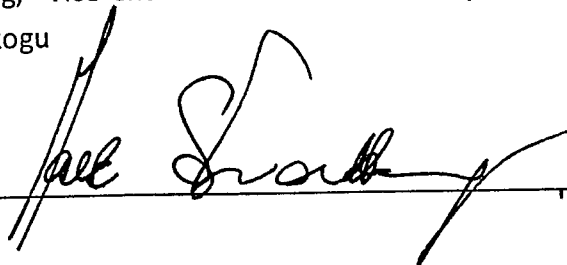


DENMARK

Mr. Ib Thomsen, Secretary of the Folketing's Committee on the Danish Intelligence
Services

ESTONIA

Mr. Marek Strandberg, Vice-Chairman of the Security Authorities Surveillance
Committee of the Riigikogu



FINLAND

Mr. Tapani TÖLLI, Chairman of the Administration Committee

Fayard Teles

GERMANY

Dr. Hans de With, Chairman of the G 10 – Commission

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GREECE

Mr. Ioannis Bougas, member of the Standing Committee of Public Administration,
Public Order and Justice

Mr. Georgios Nikitiadis, member of the Standing Committee of Public Administration,
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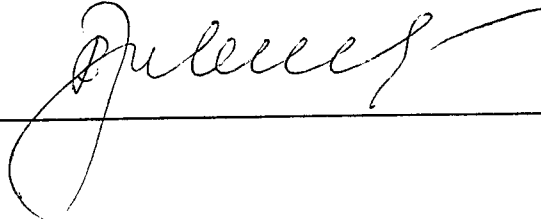
ITALY

Sen. Francesco Rutelli, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for the Security of
the Republic

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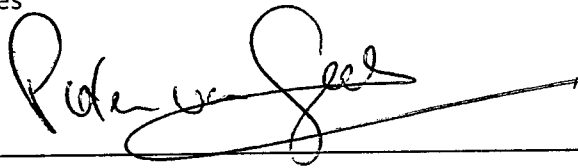
LITHUANIA

Mrs. Rasa Juknevičienė M.P., member of the National Security and Defence Committee



THE NETHERLANDS

Mr. Pieter Van Geel, Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission regarding Intelligence and Security Services

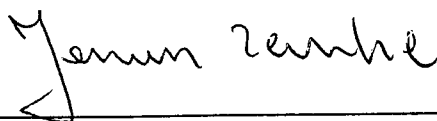


Mrs. Michiels van Kessenich, Chair of the Dutch Review Committee on the Intelligence and Security Services

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POLAND

Mr. Janusz ZEMKE, Chairman of the National Defence Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland



PORTUGAL

Mr. Jorge BACELAR GOUVEIA, Chairman of the Portuguese Council for the Oversight of the Intelligence System

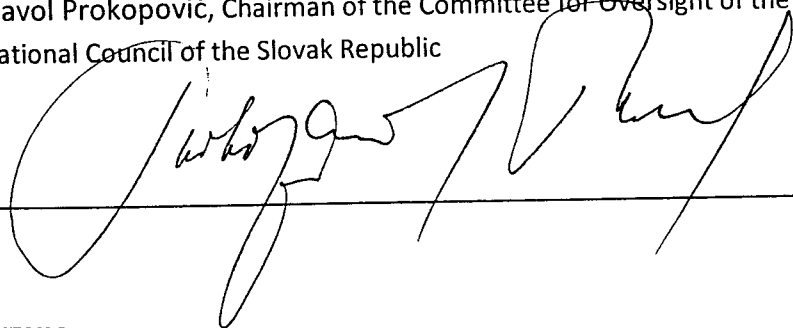


ROMANIA

Mr. Cezar Preda, Chairman of the Joint Special Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and of the Senate for the Parliamentary Oversight of the Activity of the Romanian Foreign Intelligence Service

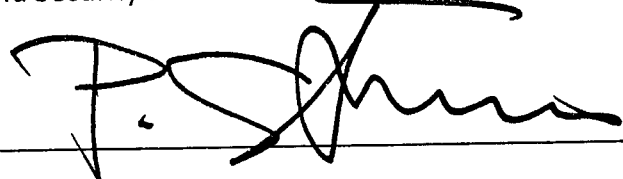
SLOVAKIA

Mr. Pavol Prokopovič, Chairman of the Committee for Oversight of the Intelligence System of the National Council of the Slovak Republic



SLOVENIA

Prof. Pavel Gantar, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for the Oversight of the Intelligence and Security Services of the Republic of Slovenia



SWEDEN

Mr. Anders Eriksson, Chairman of the Swedish Commission on Security and Integrity Protection



UNITED KINGDOM

The Right Honourable Margaret Beckett MP, Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee

