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The Amsterdam Treaty provided for the adoption by 1 May 2001 of new legislation on the general principles governing the right of access to documents of the European Council, Commission and Parliament. A proposal for a Regulation was published at the beginning of 2000 but its passage through the legislative process has been difficult and controversial.

This conference will provide a first opportunity to assess the outcome of this process and to consider whether the citizen's right of access to documents is strengthened or weakened by the recently-agreed text.

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ERA Congress Centre, Metzger Allee 4, Trier

Thursday, 12 July 2001

09.00 Arrival and registration

8.30 **Welcome and Introduction**
Wolfgang Heusel (ERA)
Tony Bunyan (Statewatch)

The New Code of Access: Institutional Viewpoints

10.00 **The European Commission**
Marc Maes

10.30 **The Council**
Hans Brunmayr

11.00 Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 **The European Parliament**
Heidi Hautala

The European Parliament
Astrid Thors

12.30 Discussion

13.00 Lunch at the *Mercure* Hotel

The EU Citizen and a New Code of Access

13.30 **The View from Civil Society I**
Tony Bunyan

15.00 **The View from Civil Society II**
Steve Peers

14.30 Discussion

16.00 Coffee/Tea Break

Selected National Perspectives

16.30 **The Netherlands**
Jan van Schagen

France
*To be confirmed **

Belgium
Frankie Schram

17.45 Discussion

18.00 End of First Day of Conference

Evening Programme

Friday, 13 July 2001

Access to Documents as a Legal Principle

8.30 **The Community Courts and the Principle of Access to Documents**
Pedro Cabral

10.15 Discussion

9.30 Coffee/Tea Break

11.00 **Access to Documents and Democratic Governance**
Deirdre Curtin

11.35 Discussion

10.45 **Panel Discussion:**
Access to EU Documents: Unresolved issues
Tony Bunyan
John D. Cooke
Gunnar Lund
Björn Mansson

13.15 End of Conference

Buffet Lunch
*(*Invited)*