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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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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
  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

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

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