



**CLUB OF THREE:
SPECIAL SESSION ON DEFENCE**

**IF THIS IS A LONG WAR,
ARE WE EQUIPPED TO WIN IT ?**

Schloss Hugenpoet, Essen-Kettwig: 23/24 March 2007

Friday 23 March

17.00 **Tea on arrival at Schloss Hugenpoet**

17.30 **WELCOME** *by Dr. Olaf Berlien and Michael Maclay*

17.35 – 19.15 **SESSION 1: How much has the threat changed ?**

- Hostile states: tough or tender with Iran and North Korea ?
- Non-state actors: counter-terrorism and how to deal with Islamic terrorism
- Collapsing states: are we adapting our force structures quickly enough to intervene effectively ?

Chair: **Lord Guthrie**

Speakers: **Dr. Rudolf Adam**
Francois Bujon de L'Estang
Dame Pauline Neville-Jones

20.00 for 20.30 **FORMAL DINNER**

Keynote Speech: **Christian Schmidt**
Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Defence

Saturday 24 March

09.00 – 10.45 **SESSION 2: Procurement and technology in face of the new threats and in the context of globalisation**

- Procurement: are we procuring too many of the wrong platforms ? Should we be procuring more at European level ?
- Technology: do governments understand it ? Are we exploiting it sufficiently ?
- Finance: will government pockets be deep enough to preserve European defence companies ? Do PPPs represent the most balanced model for the future ?
- US industry as collaborator or competitor: Is transatlantic co-operation the only answer ?

Chair: **Dr. Thomas Enders**
Speakers: **Denis Ranque**
 Lieutenant-General Dick Applegate
 Frank Haun

11.15 – 13.00 **SESSION 3: Politics, diplomacy and public opinion**

- How can electorates be persuaded to pay the price of defence ?
- Should defence be repackaged as homeland security ?
- Which alliances: Is NATO any more effective – or more saleable - than the EU or the UN as instrument of international co-operation ?

Chair: **Jean-Paul Bechat**
Speakers: **Charles Grant**
 Michael Stürmer
 Olivier Darrason

13.00 **BUFFET LUNCH**

Speaker: **Major General Simon Mayall**

 “Realities of Iraq”