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### **The Future of European Schools – The Way Forward Brussels, 7 December 2007**

**Organised by the Central Staff Committee of the European Commission**

Held in the context of the ongoing debate on the future of European Schools, this conference also coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome.

The Central Staff Committee considers that to look at the history of European Schools, and to take stock of their action and prospects for future development, clearly goes to the heart of the anniversary celebrations: European schools have played a major role, both direct and indirect, in promoting European integration. The European School system has also reached a significant milestone in the current context of enlargement. Their rapid growth presents new challenges. The model has given rise to both criticism and praise.

The aim of the conference is to promote fresh growth in European education, in a realistic manner, based on the track-record of the schools and actively involving the various stakeholders (staff, parents, professionals, etc.). This will be the context, in particular, of the five workshops: a forum for spontaneous contributions with a sound framework.

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(Draft working document)

8h30: Registration

8h45 **Opening of Conference**

### ***First session: 50 years of European education***

9h00 Renée Christmann, Secretary General of the European Schools Board of Governors

9h15 R.M., Chair of Interparents

9h30 Experiences of European education: *J.J. Rabier*, former chief of staff of J. Monnet, *Florence Aubenas*, journalist, former pupil, *Gisela Scheuer*, former chair of the APEEE, former teacher, *Michael Stenger*, former pupil and former chair of the APEEE etc.

10h00 Alain Scriban, European Commission

10h15 ***Coffee break***

### ***Workshops: 10h30 – 12H30***

**Workshop 1:** The European Baccalaureate in the light of the experience of European schools (Type 1, 2 and 3)

**Workshop 2:** Challenges in teaching in 22/23 languages and examples of new pedagogical methods

**Workshop 3:** Participation of users and education professionals in the schools in a context of new governance

**Workshop 4:** Prospect for future development of the European School system

**Workshop 5:** Challenges facing the current European Schools

12h30-14h00 ***Lunch***

### ***Second session: Feedback from workshops***

14h00 feedback from workshops

15h00 discussion and contributions from audience

***Coffee break: 16h00 - 16h15***

### ***Closing session***

*European education in the light of society's needs: the future of the European School system*

16h15 H. Bösch, European Parliament

16h30 Commissioner Orban: multilingualism, multiculturalism, European schools

16h45: Commissioner Figel: European Community action in education and European schools

17h00: Commissioner Kallas

17h15: Discussion with audience

18h00: **Conclusion and end of conference**

**Participants (between 300 and 500):** journalists, parents and staff of European institutions, teachers and staff of European schools, pupils (current and former) of European Schools, Central Staff Committee and Commission.