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"Human Enhancement:

Moral, Religious and Ethical Aspects from a European Perspective"

A CEC Consultation – Brussels

25–27 April 2012

Wednesday 25 April 2012

- 10.30-12.30: Welcome and registration of participants at the Maison Notre-Dame du Chant d'Oiseau, avenue des Franciscains 3A, 1150 Brussels (T: +32 2 761 42 81)
- 12.30-14.00: Lunch
- 14.00-15.00: Opening Worship
- 15.00-15.30: Check in (*for participants staying at Chant d'Oiseau*)

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Introductory session

Moderation: member of the Preparatory Group

15.30-17.00: Welcome and presentation of the Consultation

- Opening statement by His Eminence Metropolitan EMMANUEL of France, Head of the Representation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the EU in Brussels, President of CEC, on behalf of His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople;
- General introduction by Prof. Dr. Anestis G. KESELOPOULOS (Greece), Director of the Department of Ethics and Sociology at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. *Presentation read by Prof. Dr. Stavros BALOYANNIS*

17.00-17.30: Coffee break

First set of issues: *Philosophy and Natural Sciences*

Moderation: member of the Preparatory Group

17.30-19.00: Introductions by:

- Prof. Dr. Cees DEKKER (The Netherlands), Physicist, Delft University of Technology, Department of Bionanoscience;
- Dr. Roland KIPKE (Germany), Philosopher, International Centre for Ethics in Sciences & Humanities, University of Tübingen.

19.00-20.00: Dinner

20.00-21.00: Discussion on the first session

Evening prayer

Thursday 26 April 2012

08.00-08.30: Breakfast

08.40: Transfer to the European Parliament

09.30: Security check-in at the Parliament

Chair: Mr. Vittorio PRODI, MEP and member of the STOA panel, and Dr. Theo BOER, Associate Professor of Ethics, Protestant Theological University, and Research Fellow at the Centre for Bioethics and Health Law, Utrecht (The Netherlands). [Room = ASP 5G2]

10.00-10.30: Presentation of the STOA Projects "Human Enhancement" and "Making Perfect Life"

- Mr. Christopher COENEN (Germany), Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis, Karlsruhe;
- Dr. Rinie van EST (The Netherlands), Rathenau Institute.

10.30-11.30: Short talks (15 mins each) by:

- Dr. Maria Pilar NUÑEZ (Spain), Professor in Bioethics, University Ramon Llull, Barcelona, Pontifical University of Comillas, Madrid, and Theology Faculty, Grenada, member of the Bioethics Group of COMECE (Commission of Bishops' Conferences of the European Community);
- Rabbi Albert GUIGUI (Belgium), Chief Rabbi of Brussels;
- Dr. Omar Van den BROECK (Belgium), General Secretary of the Belgian Muslim Executive;
- Revd Dr. Brendan McCARTHY (United Kingdom), Church of England's National Adviser for Medical Ethics and Health & Social Care Policy.

11.30-12.30: Panel discussion, with participation of the audience. Panel members:

- Mr. Christopher COENEN, Dr Rinie van EST;
- Dr. Maria Pilar NUÑEZ, Rabbi Albert GUIGUI, Dr Omar Van den BROECK;
- Prof. Dr. Stavros BALOYANNIS (Greece), Professor of Neurology and theologian, Director of the Department of Neurology, Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki.
- Prof. Bernard DAN, (Belgium) (*speaker invited by STOA*), Professor of Neurophysiology at the Free University of Brussels (ULB) and Head of the Neurology Department of the Children's Hospital in Brussels

12.30-13.45: Buffet lunch at the Parliament

Second set of issues: *Philosophy and Theology – Pros and Cons*

Moderation: member of the Preparatory Group [Room = P7C 050]

14.00-15.30: Introductions by:

- Prof. Dr. Ulrich KÖRTNER (Austria), Institut für systematische Theologie und Religionswissenschaft, University of Vienna ;
- Prof. Dr. Janne NIKKINEN (Finland), Systematic Theologian, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki.

Third set of issues: *Individual and Social Ethics – Medical Perspective*

Moderation: member of the Preparatory Group

15.30-17.00: Introductions by:

- Prof. Dr. Stefanie SCHARDIEN (Germany), Systematic Theologian, Institute of Protestant Theology, University of Hildesheim; *Presentation read by Rev. Dr. Brendan McCARTHY ;*

- Prof. Marianne SPRINGER-KREMSER (Austria), psychiatrist and neurologist, psychoanalyst and psychotherapist, Medical University of Vienna, member of the Austrian Bioethics Committee.

17.00-17.15: Coffee break

Fourth set of issues: *Case Studies*

Moderation: member of the Preparatory Group

17.15-18.30: Introductions by:

- Dr. Henriette KRUG (Germany), Medical Doctor and Theologian, Charité University Hospital, Berlin;
- Dr. Donald BRUCE (United Kingdom), Managing Director of the ethics consultancy Edinethics, Edinburgh.

18.30: Free evening in Brussels

Friday 27 April 2012

08.00-08.45: Breakfast and check-out

08.50: Morning Prayer

09.00-10.00: Discussion in small groups on *criteria*

10.00-10.30: Feedback from the groups

10.30-10.45: Coffee break

Moderation: member of the Preparatory Group

10.45-12.00: Closing lecture on *contextualisation* by:

- Dr. Jens RIED (*Proxy for Prof. Dr. Peter Dabrock*) (Germany), Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg.

Followed by a general discussion.

Closing prayers

12.30: Lunch and departure.