Relaunching the Transatlantic Partnership:
Common Goals and Shared Values

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

20:30 Opening Dinner

Talk debate: Like it or not we are family

Charles Murray, W.H. Brady Scholar in Culture and Freedom, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC
Beppe Severgnini, Columnist, “Corriere della Sera”, Milan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

09:00-09:15 Welcoming Remarks

Carlo Scognamiglio, Chairman, Aspen Institute Italia; Professor of Economics and Industrial Policy, LUISS – Guido Carli, Rome
Christopher DeMuth, President, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC

09:15-10:45 First Panel: What divides and what unites the US and Europe

Chair
Jim Nicholson, US Ambassador to the Holy See, Rome

Panel Speakers
Michael Novak, George Frederick Jewett Scholar in Religion, Philosophy and Public Policy, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC
Josef Joffe, Editor, “Die Zeit”, Hamburg
Richard N. Perle, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC
Enrico Letta, Member of the Italian Parliament, Rome

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:45 Second Panel: The challenge of democratization in the Middle East

Chair
John Bruton, Vice-President, European People's Party, Dublin

Introductory remarks
Javier Solana Madariaga, High Representative for CFSP, European Union - Council of Ministers, Brussels
Panel Speakers

Danielle Pletka, Vice President, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC
Emma Bonino, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels
Michael Ledeen, Resident Scholar in the Freedom Chair, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC

13:00-15:00 Lunch

Keynote event: Is Europe a competitor for the US?

Introducer Melvin F. Sembler, US Ambassador to Italy, Rome

Speaker Gianfranco Fini, Deputy Prime Minister of Italy, Rome

15:00-16:30 Third Panel: International legitimacy, between the UN and coalitions of the willing

Chair Ana Palacio Vallelersundi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

Panel Speakers

Carl Bildt, Former UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Balkans, United Nations, Geneva
Karsten D. Voigt, Coordinator for German American Relations, Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin
John R. Bolton, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, US Department of State, Washington DC

18:15 Transfer from Hotel Aldrovandi Palace to Villa Taverna
18:30-20:00 Cocktail reception at Villa Taverna (residence of US Ambassador Mel Sembler)
20:00 Transfer from Villa Taverna to Villa Madama
20:30 Dinner at Villa Madama

Keynote speech Franco Frattini, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rome

Comments by Ana Palacio Vallelersundi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Madrid
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

09:00-11:00  Fourth Panel:
Social Market versus Cowboy Capitalism? How we can learn from each other.
Chair
Lucio Stanca, Minister for Innovation and Technology; Vice Chairman, Aspen Institute Italia, Rome

Panel Speakers
Ralf Dahrendorf, Member of the House of Lords, London
Kevin A. Hassett, Resident Scholar, Director of Economic Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute, Washington DC
Daniel Gros, Director, CEPS - Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels
Bruce Kovner, Chairman, Caxton Associates, New York
Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, Director for International Financial Relations, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rome

11:00-11:15  Coffee break

11:15-13:00  Fifth Panel:
NATO’s role in facing current threats
Chair
Alessandro Minuto Rizzo, Deputy Secretary General, NATO, Brussels

Panel Speakers
Gary Schmitt, Executive Director, Project for the New American Century, Washington DC
James F. Dobbins, Director, Center for International Security and Defense Policy, RAND, Washington DC
Roberto Testore, Managing Director and Director General, Finmeccanica, Rome
Simon Webb, Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, London

13:00-13:30  Concluding remarks
Radek Sikorski, Executive Director, The New Atlantic Initiative; Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC
Carlo Scognamiglio, Chairman, Aspen Institute Italia; Professor of Economics and Industrial Policy, LUISS – Guido Carli, Rome

13:30-15:00  Lunch