



ACTION COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY (ACED)

and

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

(Centrum Stosunków Międzynarodowych)

**under the auspices and with participation of
Marshal of the Sejm, Mr. Bronisław Komorowski**

cordially invite you to a conference on:

POLAND IN A REFORMED EUROPEAN UNION

The conference will take place on Friday, 27 June 2008 at 10:00
in the Sejm Building, NDP Conference Room.

The conference will be held in English and Polish
with the simultaneous translation provided by the Parliament.

Please confirm your participation by Wednesday, 25th June
by e-mail: info@csm.org.pl or by phone: 022 646 5267

The conference aims to contribute to the debate on the European Union after the Lisbon Treaty ratification. Participants will include politicians and experts, representatives of think tanks, NGOs and media.

The Action Committee for European Democracy (ACED), also known as the Amato Group (after the former Prime Minister of Italy, Giuliano Amato), first met to contribute to the debate following the period of reflection before signing the Reform Treaty in Lisbon in December 2007. Recently, the Amato Group has assembled again to participate in the European debate on the promotion of the democratic values and transparency within the EU, on the cooperation between institutions at the European and national level, i.a. based on the subsidiarity principles, as well as on tightening the links between EU institutions and the Union's citizens.

ACED is a group of high-ranking politicians from various EU member states, supported by well-known European scholars and analysts. The project is funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and supported by the Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, Florence. The European Institute of Public Administration also granted its support to the Warsaw conference.

Conference Programme

10.00 – 10.30 CONFERENCE OPENING

- **Bronisław Komorowski** – Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- **Giuliano Amato** – Chair of the ACED, former Prime Minister of Italy, former Vice President of the Convention on the Future of Europe

10.30 - 12.00 SESSION I

Enhancing democracy in the EU and the Lisbon Treaty after the Irish vote

MODERATOR: **Eugeniusz Smolar** – President of the Center for International Relations

- **Giuliano Amato** – Chair of the ACED
- **Prof. Anna Wyrozumska** – University of Łódź
- **Paolo Ponzano** – European Commission
- **Edmund Wittbrodt** – Chairman of the EU Affairs Committee, Polish Senate
- **János Martonyi** – former Foreign Minister of Hungary, ACED member

DISCUSSION

COMMENTS: **Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska** – Director of the Institute of Public Affairs
Polish debates on democracy and the European solutions

12.00 - 12.30 Coffee break

12.30 – 14.00 SESSION II

Strengthening the role of national parliaments within the European Union

MODERATOR: **Prof. Wojciech Sadurski**, European University Institute, Florence

- **Andrzej Grzyb** – Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm
- **Andrzej Gałazewski** – Vice Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm
- **Tadeusz Iwiński** – Vice Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm
- **Karol Karski** – Vice Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm

COMMENTS: **Paweł Świeboda** – Director of demosEUROPA Center for European Strategy
Giuliano Amato – CLOSING REMARKS