



Opening the World Order to *de facto* States

Limits and Potentialities of *de facto* states in the International Context

Thursday 15 May 2008
Room ASP 1E2-120
European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

(Friday 9 May 2008, Brussels) – Senior diplomats, academics, and specialists from across the globe will gather in Brussels on Thursday 15 May 2008 at 9:00am to attend a conference which will investigate the issues of opening the existing world order to *de facto* states.

Taking part in the conference are senior government figures who will be joined by academics from a range of fields including international diplomacy, law, peace mediation, and security. They will be introduced by Members of the European Parliament who, with senior representatives from foreign legations, will address the conference during its opening session.

It is against this backdrop that the conference will discuss the potential for *de facto* state engagement in international diplomatic, financial, political, and security systems. The conference will investigate the restrictions which non-recognition places upon *de facto* states and the millions of citizens who live within their borders.

Over the course of the day, discussion will revolve around three panels. The first panel, '*De Facto States in the International System*', will assess the current interaction of *de facto* states in the international system. Themes encountered in this panel will be developed during the first panel of the afternoon, '*Health, Economics and Security*' which will focus on how these elements affect *de facto* states and their ability to respond to challenges of pandemic disease, currency flows, and transnational threats.

The conference will be concluded by a third panel, '*Challenges of Good Governance for de facto States*', during which discussion will dwell on the promotion of democracy within *de facto* states and the prospects for recognition in the changing global geopolitical climate.

This conference has been organized by the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) with support from the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE), Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) and the Nonviolent Radical Party.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

- The opening session of the *Opening the World Order to de facto States* conference will take place in **Room ASP 1E2-120 of the European Parliament, Brussels, at 9:00am on Thursday, 15 May, 2008.**
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