

## Seminar

### ***“Mercosur in the Regional and Global Economy: which Type of Integration and Role to be played by the European Union and Italy”***

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2003

15.00/15.30 **Opening remarks**

Ombretta Colli, *President of the Provincial Administration of Milan*

Boris Biancheri, *President of the Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Italy*

15.30/16.00 **Keynote speaker “The European Union and Mercosur in the Global Economy”**

Rocco Buttiglione, *Minister for the Community Policies*

16.00/18.00 **Session I “The Current Status of Mercosur: its Co-operation with the European Union”**

*Moderator:* Ludovico Ortona, *Director General for the Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy*

#### **Remarks**

“Political Dialogue and Institutional Co-operation”

Jean Michel Blanquer, *Institut de Hautes Etudes de l'Amérique Latine (IHEAL), Sorbonne University, France*

“To conceive the Mercosur Process again in the Light of European Experience: the Institutional Framework”

Giorgio Basevi, *University of Bologna, Italy*

“Macro-economic Harmonisation in Mercosur”

Robert Devlin, *Deputy Manager Integration Department IDB, Washington D.C.*

“Strengthening Social Safety Networks and the Role of Society”

Savino Pezzotta, *Secretary General Confederazione Italiana Sindacati Lavoratori (CISL), Italy*

#### **Speeches by**

Ramón Torrent, *University of Barcelona, Spain*

Michele Bagella, *University Roma II Tor Vergata, Italy*

Domenico Barili, *Vice President Parmalat, Italy*

Arturo Alberti, *President of Associazione Volontari per lo Sviluppo Internazionale (AVSI), Italy*

#### **Closing remarks**

Luiz Fernando Furlan, *Minister of Industrial Development and Foreign Trade, Brazil*

18.00/19.00 Cocktail

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2003

9.00/11.00 **Session II “The Market Access Negotiations: Key Economic and Trade Issues**

*Moderator:* Gilberto Bonalumi, *Co-ordinator Organising Committee Milano BID 2003, Italy*

#### **Remarks**

“Expanding Trade Liberalisation between the European Union and Mercosur: a Plausible Hypothesis?”

Andrés Sapir, *Group of Policy Adviser of the European Commission, Brussels*

“Overcoming the «Sensitive Sectors» in EU-Mercosur Negotiations”

Massimo Gaiani, *Embassy Councillor European Integration Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy*

“Integration and its Role in Restoring Economic and Social Development”

Sergio Abreu, *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay*

**Speeches by**

Damian Hernandez Lopez, *Mercosur and Chile Chief Unity, Directorate RELEX G European Commission, Brussels*

Gianfelice Rocca, *Presidente of Techint Group, Argentina/Italy*

Roberto Bouzas, *University of San Andrés, Argentina*

Coffee break

11.00/11.15

11.15/13.15

**Session III “Investment, Capital Flows - how to Increase the Role of the Private Sector”**

*Moderator: Riccardo Faini, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy*

**Remarks**

“Economic Reforms, Investments and Macroeconomic Stability”

Beniamino Quintieri, *President of the Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero (ICE), Italy*

“What Prospects for the Flows of FDI into the Region after the First Round of Privatisation of the ‘90s?”

José Antonio Ocampo, *Secretary General ECLAC, Santiago*

“Protection and Incentives for Foreign Investments”

Guillermo De La Dehesa, *Goldman Sachs, Spain*

“National and Regional Infrastructure: how to Expand the Role of the Private Sector?”

Rudolf Höhn, *President Investe Brazil Agency, Brazil*

**Speeches by**

Fabrizio Onida, *Bocconi University, Italy*

Marco De Benedetti, *Chief Executive Officer of Telecom Italia Mobile, Italy*

Gianfranco Caprioli, *General Director of Trade Promotion Ministry of Productive Activities, Italy*

J. Angel Gurría, *former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Finance of Mexico*

13.15/14.30

Lunch Break

14.30/15.30

**Panel “The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Open Regionalism”**

*Moderator and Keynote Speaker: José Goñi, President of the Italo Latinoamericano Institute (IILA)*

**Panellists**

Rafael Correa, *General Secretary of the Latin American Parliament*

Clemente Mastella, *Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy*

15.30/17.30

**Round Table**

**“Stakes and Priorities for the EU-Mercosur Negotiations. The Policy Agenda for the Upcoming Italian Semester of European Union Presidency”**

*Moderator and Keynote speaker*

Mario Baccini, *Vice Minister Foreign Affairs Ministry, Italy*

*Participants*

Guido Mantega, *Minister of Economic Planning, Brazil*

Francisco Dâ Camara Gomez, *Director RELEX - G Latin America, European Commission, Brussels*

Cesar Alba, *European Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain*

Martin Retrado, *Vice Minister and Secretary of Trade and International Economic Relations Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina*

During the Seminar’s works it is expected that **Enrique Iglesias**, President of the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) and **Roberto Formigoni**, President of the Lombardy Region will give a presentation.

