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EFTA 50th / EEA 15th Anniversaries Seminar

10 November 2009

08:30 - 18:00

9 – 11 rue de Varembé, Geneva

Moderator: Mr Ernst Walch, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liechtenstein

08:30 - 09:00 Registration
09:00 - 09:15 Opening remarks by Mr Kåre Bryn, Secretary-General of EFTA
09:15 - 09:30 Address on behalf of the EFTA Council by Ms Aurelia Frick, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Liechtenstein
09:30 - 09:45 Statement by Ms Elisabeth Walaas, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

EFTA and the Member States: Economic Growth and Prosperity

09:45 - 10:15 Professor Gudmundur Jónsson, University of Iceland: Coming to terms with Europe: Iceland's entry into EFTA and its implications
10:15 - 10:45 Professor Helge Pharo, University of Oslo: The best of all worlds. Norway and the creation of EFTA
10:45 - 11:15 Professor René Schwok, University of Geneva: Specificities of Switzerland's relations with EFTA and the EEA
11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break
11:45 - 13:00 Panel discussion

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:15 Statement by Mr Jean-Daniel Gerber, State Secretary, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland

EFTA in Europe: Integration and Autonomy

14:15 - 15:00 Professor Richard Griffiths, University of Leiden: EFTA and European integration
15:00 - 15:30 Dr Ulf Sverdrup, University of Oslo: The EEA experience 1994-2009
15:30 - 15.45 Coffee break
15:45 - 17:00 Panel discussion
Closing remarks

17:00 Refreshments

Panellists:

Mr Jón Baldvin Hannibalsson, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iceland
Mr Eivinn Berg, former Ambassador and State Secretary, Norway
Mr Franz Blankart, former Ambassador and State Secretary, Switzerland