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Barbara Prammer
President of the Austrian National Council

and

Wolfgang Schüssel
President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria

cordially invite you to attend the Address

"EUROPE: A CONTINENT IN A CHANGING WORLD"
BY HERMAN VAN ROMPUY
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

on Tuesday, April 8th 2014, 14:45
at the Austrian Parliament.

PROGRAMME

Opening Remarks:

Karlheinz Kopf
Second President of the Austrian National Council

Introduction:

Wolfgang Schüssel
Former Federal Chancellor of Austria,
President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria

Address:

Herman van Rompuy
President of the European Council

Please note that there will be no translation into German provided.

CONTENT

At their informal meeting in Brussels on 19 November 2009 the EU Heads of State or Government unanimously agreed to appoint Herman VAN ROMPUY the first full time President of the European Council. He took office when the Lisbon Treaty came into force on 1 December 2009. His first term ended on 31 May, 2012. On 1 March 2012 Herman van Rompuy was appointed for a second term from 1 June 2012 to 30 November 2014.

At the time of his first election, Herman van Rompuy was Prime Minister of Belgium. Prior to that he had served in Belgium as Speaker of the House of Representatives (2007-2008) and in several government positions, including as Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Budget (1993-1999), Minister of State (2004) and Secretary of State for Finance and Small Businesses (1988). A former economist at the National Bank of Belgium, Herman van Rompuy began his political career in 1973 as national vice-president of his party's youth council. He has held various responsibilities within his party and in the Belgian Parliament, serving in turn as Senator (1988-1995) and Member of Parliament (1995-2009).

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