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The Western Balkans: the Path to European Integration

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Institute for Security Studies of the European Union (EUISS) is glad to invite you to attend the seminar '*The Western Balkans: the Path to European Integration*', which will be held at the **Hotel Europa** in Sarajevo, 19th to 21st of **May 2010**, with the support of the Foreign Policy Initiative BH. A cocktail will also be offered by the Spanish Presidency on the evening of the 19th of May.

The seminar is being organised by Professor Jacques Rupnik, Associate Research Fellow of the Institute and Research Director at the Institut d'Études Politiques (IEP) – CERI of Paris, under the aegis of the EUISS and the Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI), Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Some of the questions that will be addressed during the Seminar include:

- How can the European Union complete the 'europeanisation' of the Balkans and renewing the Saloniki commitment?
- How without functioning states, to confront the organised crime?
- How is it possible to redefine citizenship and what role can be played by the civil society?
- What is the current state of the EU integration of the Balkan Countries? Why must the EU integration of the Balkan Countries remain a priority? What is the credible timeframe for accession and what will it take?

The objective of this meeting will be to compare the state of play in each country of the Former Yugoslavia in relation to the process of European enlargement and to encourage a more effective international engagement in support of integration of the Balkans. You will find enclosed herewith the provisional agenda of the seminar.

Looking forward to meeting you,

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