

## CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE

Ms Uosukainen (Finland) thanked Mr. Kaklamanis for his presentation. She also reminded everyone of the 1998 Council of Europe Speakers Conference which was going to be held in Stockholm. As for the next European Union Speakers' Conference in 1999 the suggested venue was Lisbon, Portugal.

Mr de Almeida Santos (Portugal) stated that it would be a great pleasure for the Portuguese Parliament to host this event. The Conference would not come at an unwanted time as the elections in Portugal were listed for later that year. A cordial invitation was extended to visit Lisbon in the beauty of spring.

Ms Uosukainen (Finland) thought that the Conference was most productive in terms of discussion and debate. The official part of the Conference was declared closed.

Mr Korthals Altes (First Chamber, The Netherlands) deeply and sincerely thanked the Finnish hosts for the excellent organization, animated hospitality and the productive conclusion of the Conference. It was appreciated that Finland had a sense of responsibility for the surrounding region as reflected by the trip organized to Tallinn. This also could be seen as a gesture of EU openness to the applicant countries.

Ms Uosukainen (Finland) thanked all the participants and the interpreters and called the Conference to a close.

The Conference was concluded at 11.15 a.m on Saturday the 7th of June 1997.