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9th MAY 2009

SCHEDULE

MORNING SESSION		AFTERNOON SESSION
9.00-9.30am	<i>Registration</i>	1.30-2.30pm
9.30-9.35am	<i>Introduction</i> Dr Iain Atack, Irish School of Ecumenics	<i>Significance of neutrality in Irish foreign policy – with plenary discussion</i> Dr Noel Dorr and Professor John Maguire
9.35-10.05am	<i>Neutrality in Irish politics</i> Senator Deirdre de Burca, Green Party	2.30-3.30pm
10.05-10.35am	<i>The meaning of neutrality in international law</i> Prof. Ivana Bacik, Trinity College Dublin	<i>Working Groups;</i> [facilitators as noted for each group]
10.35-11.00am	<i>Neutrality in an EU context</i> Martina Weitsch, QCEA Brussels	<i>Neutrality as compatible with EU and UN involvement?</i> [Dr Etain Tannam & Prof. Edward Dommen]
11.00-11.15am	<i>Questions</i>	<i>Reasons for neutrality—pragmatic or idealistic?</i> [Dr Iain Atack & Martina Weitsch]
11.15-11.30am	Coffee	<i>Neutrality from an Irish perspective— issues of sovereignty and identity</i> [Dr Bill McSweeney & Wiglef Puerschel]
11.30-1.00pm	<i>3 countries – case studies</i> <i>Austria</i> Wiglef Puerschel, journalist	<i>Neutrality – does it facilitate civil society in working on peace concerns?</i> [Dr Andy Storey & Dr Magnus Petersson]
	<i>Sweden</i> Dr Magnus Petersson, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies	3.30-3.45pm
	<i>Switzerland</i> Prof. Edward Dommen	3.45-4.00pm
1.00-1.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Plenary—reports from groups</i> <i>Neutrality—where do we move from here?</i> Seán McCrum