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Friday, September 13th

10.00 Registration of the participants

10.30 **Welcome and opening**

Mons. prof. Tadeusz Pieronek, Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Marek Sowa, Marshall of the Malopolska Voivodship

Christian Schmitz, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Poland

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José Ramos Ascensão, Legal advisor for Health, Research & Bioethics of the COMECE, Portugal

Jacek Protasiewicz, Vice-President of the European Parliament

10.45 **Address**

Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland

11.15 **Introduction to the conference theme**

Abp Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio to the Republic of Poland

Card. Stanisław Dziwisz, Archbishop Metropolitan of Cracow

12.00 **I Session**

Significance of a family from the perspective of Christianity

Introductory speeches:

Abp prof. Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family

Bp Tadeusz Szurman, former Chairman of the Synod of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland

Father Maxim Obukhov, Chairman of the National Russian Movement 'For Life and Family Values' and an expert on Bioethical issues of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Moderator:

Jan Olbrycht, Vice-president of the EPP (Christian Democrats) Group in the European Parliament, Poland

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **II Session**

Family towards the challenges of the contemporary world

Introductory speeches:

Abp Henryk Hosier SAC, Chairman of the KEP's Expert Group for Bioethics, Council for the Family

Prof. Marguerite Peeters, Director of the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue Dynamics

14.30 I Working Group

Marriage versus partner relationship – what is a family?

Leading: **Marek Zając**, TVP, journalist and publicist

Statements:

Anna Zaborska, EPP Group in the European Parliament, Slovakia

Ria Oomen-Ruijten, EPP (Christian Democrats) Group in the European Parliament, Holland

II Working Group

Gender – new ethics or ideology?

Leading: **Monika Sieradzka**, TVP Channel 2

Statements:

Prof. Inga Iwasiów, University of Szczecin

Gyorgy Holvenyi, Minister for Churches, Minorities and relations with NGO in the Hungarian government

16.30 Presentation of the working groups' outcome:

Andrzej Grzyb, the EPP (Christian Democrats) Group in the European Parliament, Poland

Norbert Neuhaus, the Robert Schuman Foundation in Luxemburg

Moderator:

Prof. Marguerite Peeters, Director of the Institute for Intercultural Dialogue Dynamics

18.00 Departure towards the center of Cracow

18.30 Holy Mass, 15 Skałeczna Street

20.00 Dinner at the invitation of **Marek Sowa**, Marshall of the Malopolska Voivodship (the Manggha Centre of Japanese Art and Technology, 26 M. Konopnicka Street)

Saturday, September 14th

08.00 Holy Mass, Modlnica, 83 St. Wojciech Street

10.00 III Session

What are the directions for the family policy in the EU?

Introductory speeches:

Prof. Pierpaolo Donati, Faculty of Sociology and Economic Law, University of Bologna

Card. Kazimierz Nycz, Metropolitan of Warsaw

10.45

Panel discussion:

Róża Maria Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, EPP Group in the European Parliament, Poland

Andrzej Sadowski, Prezydent Centrum Adama Smitha

François Biltgen, former Minister of Justice in the Luxemburgish Government

Paweł Kowal, ECR Group in the European Parliament, Poland

Moderator:

Andrzej Godlewski, Vice-director of the TVP Channel 1

Conclusion

12.15

Rev. prof. Władysław Zuziak, Rector of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow

12.30

Lunch