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21st - 22nd October 2009

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ACCOMPANYING CONFERENCE OF THE NATO DEFENCE MINISTERS MEETING IN BRATISLAVA, OCTOBER 2009

PROGRAM

Date: 21st – 22nd October 2009

1st Day – Wednesday, 21st October 2009

12:00 – 12:30 Official Opening

Amb. (Ret.) Rastislav Káčer – President and Chairman of the Board, Slovak Atlantic Commission
H. E. Jaroslav Baška – Minister of Defence of the Slovak Republic
H. E. Miroslav Lajčák – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic
Jean-François Bureau – NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy

12:30 – 14:00 1st Panel: NATO's Strategic Concept 60 Years On: What Is Today's Meaning of Article 5?

Introductory remarks: H. E. Imants Liegis – Minister of Defence of Latvia
Chairman: Pavol Demeš – German Marshall Fund of the U.S., Director of Bratislava Office
H. E. Kim Traavik – Permanent Representative of Norway to NATO
Hans Binnendijk – National Defense University, Washington D. C.
Janusz Onyszkiewicz – Chairman of the Board, Euro-Atlantic Association of Poland, Warsaw

14:00 – 14:30 Coffee Break

14:30 – 16:00 2nd Panel: Cyber Security as a Challenge for NATO

Introductory remarks: H. E. Jaak Aaviksoo – Minister of Defence of Estonia
Chairman: Tomáš Valášek – Member of Board, SAC; Director International Security, Centre for European Reform, London
Col. Ilmar Tamm – Director, Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, Tallinn
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Robert Kosla – Information Security Association, Warsaw; National Security/Defence Industry Manager, Microsoft Central and Eastern European Headquarters, Munich
Maj. Gen. Glynne Hines – Director, NATO HQ Consultation, Command and Control Staff, Brussels

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 3rd Panel: What is the Future of NATO/EU Relations with Russia?

Chairman: Edward Lucas – Foreign Policy Correspondent, The Economist, London
Eckart Von Klaeden – CDU/CSU, Bundestag, Berlin
Eugeniusz Smolar – Senior Fellow, Center for International Relations, Warsaw
Igor Yurgens – Chairman of the Management Board and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Institute of Contemporary Development, Moscow

18:00 Summary and presentation of the “Panorama of global security environment 2009”

Róbert Ondrejcsák – Executive Director, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs, Bratislava

18:30 Reception hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Historical Building of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, Župné námestie 12, Bratislava

20:00 Youth Event: Voices of Freedom – 20 Years from the Velvet Revolution



Co-organizers:





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2nd Day – Thursday, 22nd October 2009

9:00 – 9:50 Keynote Speech: **Crafting the new Strategic Concept: Ambitions, Resources and Partnerships for a 21st Century Alliance**

Amb. Alexander Vershbow – U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Washington D.C.

Introduced by David Cole, Vice-President, Atlantic Treaty Association; Director, Atlantic Council of the UK

10:00 - 10:50 Keynote Speech: **Vision of NATO in the Changing Security Environment**

H. E. Anders Fogh Rasmussen – NATO Secretary General

Introduced by Amb. Rastislav Káčer, President and Chairman of the Board, Slovak Atlantic Commission

11:00 – 12:30 4th Panel: **The Impact of Economic Crises on European Defence Budgets**

Introductory remarks: H. E. Ljubica Jelusič – Minister of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia

Chairman: Quentin Peel – *International Affairs Editor, Financial Times, London*

Marshall Billingslea – Former NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defense Investment, and former US Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy, Washington D. C.

Malcolm Chalmers – Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, London

Peter Blaschke – CEO BWI Informationstechnik, Meckenheim

12:30 – 14:15 Luncheon

14:15 – 15:45 5th Panel: **NATO's Military Transformation: Operations and Capabilities Development**

Introductory remarks: H. E. Eimert van Middelkoop, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Chairman: Jamie Shea – *Director of Policy Planning, Private Office of NATO Secretary General*

Damon Wilson – Director of the International Security Program, Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington D. C.

Adam Sowa – Deputy Chief Executive for Operations of the European Defence Agency, Brussels

Vice-Admiral (Ret.) Walter B. Massenburg – Former Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; Current Navy Executive Fellow for the Institute for Defense and Business, Kenan Flagler Executive Education School, University of North Carolina; Vice President for Readiness and Sustainment, BAE Systems Inc.

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 6th Panel: **New Nuclear Disarmament Proposals: Implications for NATO and the Transatlantic Relations**

Introductory remarks: H. E. Ivo Daalder – U. S. Permanent Representative to NATO

Chairman: Tomáš Valášek – *Member of Board, SAC; Director International Security, Centre for European Reform, London*

Nick Pickard – Director of the Security Policy Department, Foreign & Commonwealth Office of United Kingdom, London

Bruno Tertrais – Senior Research Fellow, Fondation pour la recherche stratégique, Paris

Karl-Heinz Kamp – Director of the Research Division, NATO Defence College, Rome

17:30 **Closing remarks**

18:00 Official Reception of the NATO Defence Ministers Meeting (upon invitations), New Building of the Slovak National Theatre

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