

Annual NATO Conference on WMD Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Prague, 24-25 June 2010

Preliminary Programme

Thursday, 24 June 2010

09:30 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE ¹

Video-message from NATO Secretary General Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen

Opening remarks by a Representative of the Host Country

Opening remarks by the Acting Chairman of NATO Senior Politico-Military Group on Proliferation (SGP), NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Security Cooperation and Partnership Mr. Robert F. Simmons

Remarks by the Special Envoy of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan, Ambassador Konstantin Zhigalov

10:30 PHOTO-OP

11:00 PANEL 1: "The future of multilateral non-proliferation regimes and initiatives" ²

- **Ambassador Laura Kennedy, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva: "The NPT Review Conference and Disarmament: A Participant's Perspective"**
- **Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the International Organisations in Vienna, Chairman of Main Committee II of the 2010 Review Conference: "Non-proliferation issues at the 2010 NPT Review Conference"**
- **[speaker from the Russian Federation – tbc]**

¹ The Conference will be held in the *Czernin Palace*, the seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Access only with prior registration.

² All Panels will be chaired by a member of NATO's International Staff. Equipment for PowerPoint presentations will be available. Oral presentations in Panels should be limited to 10-12 minutes and each Panel will be followed by an open discussion. Full text of presentations can be distributed to all participants in electronic format at the end of the Conference.

- 12:00 DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKERS FROM PANEL 1: Comments from the audience, questions and answers**
- 13:00 LUNCH**
- 14:30 PANEL 2: “The future of multilateral non-proliferation regimes and initiatives”**
- **Ambassador Marius R. Grinius, Permanent Representative of Canada to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva: “Arms Control Treaties in the 21st Century: Trends and Prospects”**
 - **Amb. Peter Gottwald, Commissioner of the German Federal Government for Arms Control and Disarmament [topic tbd]**
 - **Mr. Sylwin Gizowski, Acting Director, On-site Inspection Division, CTBTO: “Is the nuclear test ban implementable now? A briefing on the state of readiness of the CTBT verification regime”**
 - **[speaker from the European Union - tbc]**
- 15:15 DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKERS FROM PANEL 2**
- 16:00 COFFEE BREAK**
- 16:30 PANEL 3: “Addressing current regional proliferation threats and challenges”**
- **Mr. Bruno Gruselle, Research Associate, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS): “Ballistic missiles proliferation: a regional or global problem?”**
 - **Mr. Mark Fitzpatrick, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London: “Iran, Syria and Proliferation Threats in the Middle East”**
 - **[speaker from Egypt - tbc]**
 - **[speaker from Japan - tbc]**
- 17:15 DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKERS FROM PANEL 3**
- 18:00 BREAK**
- 18:30 SPECIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ambassador Libran N. Cabactulan, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations, President of the 2010 NPT Review Conference [tbc]**
- 19:30 END OF THE FIRST DAY’S DISCUSSIONS**
- 20:00 RECEPTION hosted by the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic**

Friday, 25 June 2010

09:00 PANEL 4: "NATO's contribution to international efforts in the area of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation"

- **Dr. Jamie Shea, Head of Policy Planning, Private Office of NATO Secretary General:** "NATO's New Strategic Concept: the current stage of play".
- **Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director, the Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy:** "Reducing the role of nuclear weapons in security concepts and doctrines".
- **Dr. Simon Lunn, Senior Fellow, The Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF):** "Sub-strategic nuclear weapons: past, present and future".
- **Dr. Ian Anthony, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI):** "The future of nuclear weapons in NATO: a SIPRI study".

10:00 DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKERS FROM PANEL 4

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 PANEL 5: "Terrorism and WMD proliferation"

- **Dr. Andrzej Karkoszka, Managing Director for Aerospace, Defence and Security, Central and Eastern Europe, PriceWaterhouseCoopers:** "The role of special forces in countering WMD terrorism"
- [speaker from the United States – tbc]
- [speaker from the European Union – tbc]

12:30 DISCUSSION WITH THE SPEAKERS FROM PANEL 5

13:15 CLOSING DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

14:00-14.45 BUFFET LUNCH³

³ Optional sightseeing programme in Prague will be offered by the Host Country following the Conference.