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PROGRAM

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2014

9.30-10.00 REGISTRATION

10.00-10.15 **OFFICIAL WELCOME**

Alexander Rondeli, President, GFSIS

Róbert Ondrejcsák, Director, CENAA

Karla Wursterová, Director, International Visegrad Fund

10.15-10.30 **SCSF KEYNOTE: Georgia after the NATO summit in Wales - overview and future perspectives**

David Jalaghania, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia

Chaired by: *Alexander Rondeli*, President, GFSIS

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00-12:30 **SESSION 1: NATO, EU and Russian foreign policy in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia - Recent developments**

Recent developments in Ukraine generated serious discussion throughout the Euro-Atlantic world, including NATO, the EU members, partner countries and the others. It generated new wave of discussions about NATO basic principles, including Article V, relevance of the EU foreign and security policy, strategic future of the relations with Russia and Ukraine and also Ukrainian strategic orientation itself. On the other hand it also enlightened the Russian foreign policy and strategic objectives not only with relations to NATO and the EU, but also in the Eastern Europe and South Caucasus. The first objective of this panel is to discuss Russian foreign policy in Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia, its relations with NATO and the EU, as well as with the countries of the region, especially Ukraine and South Caucasus. The second decisive ambition is to discuss the potential or the already running changes of NATO, EU, Ukraine and South Caucasus strategies towards the Russian annexation of Crimea and recent trends in Russian foreign and security policy.



Konrad Zasztowt, Analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Poland

Taras Mykhalniuk, Director, Open Ukraine Foundation

Gayane Novikova, Director, Center for Strategic Analysis, SPECTRUM, Armenia

Róbert Ondrejcsák, Director, CENAA

Chaired by: **Vít Střítecký**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

12.30-12.45 **SCSF KEYNOTE: NATO after Wales summit**

Tomáš Valášek, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to NATO

12.45-14.30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

14.30-15.45 **SESSION 2: Visegrad and Eastern Partnership: visions and perspectives**

The Visegrad platform continues to perform an important role with regards to the Eastern Partnership. However, in the light of the Ukrainian crisis, V4 is currently facing new challenges. The objective of this panel is the discussion about the areas where the V4 could be more active concerning the transfer of know-how and sharing the experience to support the transition of the Eastern partnership countries including South Caucasus. Under which manner could the V4 become more effective in advancing Eastern Partnership relations interconnected with the EU? May the V4 embodied a good example for South Caucasus countries in terms of establishing similar concept, so called "C3" that would serve for the joint integration ambitions? Last but not least, how could the performance of the V4 improve?

Peter Burian, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Petr Drulák, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

István Mikola, State Secretary for Security Policy and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Chaired by: **Karla Wursterová**, Director, International Visegrad Fund



15.45-16.15 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.15-17.45 **SESSION 3: Post-Vilnius development of Eastern Partnership and the future perspectives of security sector in EaP countries**

The Eastern Partnership countries as well as a broader international and strategic context made significant development in the recent months following the Vilnius summit. Ukrainian crisis once again underlined the importance of the internal integrity of the security sector and a proper functioning of its actors. The most important objective of this panel is to discuss what kind of progress the EaP countries made during the first year of “post-Vilnius” era and simultaneously what are the most significant shortfalls they still face. The emphasis will be also put on the discussion about the measurable influence of the partnership with the EU on the reforms of the security sector and whether it has any “normative potential” for internal procedures. The individual approach of the particular countries together with the general rules applied in whole region will be discussed, as well.

Nodar Kharshiladze, Senior Fellow, GFSIS

Richard Giragosian, Director, Regional Studies Center, Armenia

Kamal Makili-Aliyev, Research Fellow, Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SAM)

Chaired by: **Barbora Padrtová**, Programme Director for Transition, CENAA

19.30-21.00 **GALA DINNER**

(upon separate invitations only)

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2014

09.30-09.45 **SCSF KEYNOTE: Global security - regional perspectives**

Ivlian Haindrava, Deputy Secretary, National Security Council of Georgia

Chaired by: **Róbert Ondrejcsák**, Director, CENAA

09.45-11.00 **SESSION 4: Asian Security - Chinese position as an insulator in Asian Security Super Complex**

Taking into consideration the security situation on the Asian continent we can identify several features related to the security environment. First of all, the growing presence and the interests of China in all the sub-regions attract the attention of international community. China is perceived with caution and reserve. Regardless this fact, China is



an important and influential player for the whole region. The panel will have two sections. The first one will address the issue of nuclear proliferation in Asia, and Chinese position regarding two specific cases, North Korean nuclear program and a current development in the Iranian case. The second section will look closely to the Chinese initiative to so called Silk Road Economic Belt, especially by focusing on the Kazakh perception and possible inclusion of Caucasus into the Chinese project.

Erzsébet N. Rózsa, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

Xue Li, Institute of World Economics and Politics Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China

Sven Gareis, Deputy Dean, George C. Marshall Centre, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

Chaired by: **Lucia Husenicová**, Director of the Institute of Asian Studies- IAS, Slovak Republic

11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30-13.00 SESSION 5: Protection of critical energy infrastructure

National authorities are responsible for the policies regarding the protection of energy facilities and infrastructures within their territories, involving the measures oriented to prevent the disruptions, mitigate the damages and restore supply under the best conditions. However, new international threats have emerged in the last few years; there is a necessity to increase the capability in raising the awareness, prevention and response. On the top of this agenda, the development of the energy networks and cross-border infrastructures is needed. Regional and global dimension is necessary for proper managing all the risks affecting energy infrastructures in such a dynamic scenario. The main goal of the panel is to discuss how to mitigate possible risks and threats in the South Caucasus region and further.

Marat Terterov, Research Fellow, Knowledge Centre, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

Bakhtiyar Aslanbayli, Professor of Security and Energy Politics, Baku State University

Teimuraz Gochitashvili, Head of the Strategic Planning and Projects Department at Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation

Filiz Katman, Energy Politics and Markets Research Center , Istanbul Aydın University

Chaired by: **Kakha Gogolashvili**, Senior Fellow, Director of EU Studies at the GFSIS



13.00-14.30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

14.30-15.00 **SCSF KEYNOTE: NATO's Future Operations – Georgian and Slovakian perspectives**

Gen. Vladimer Chachibaia, Deputy Chief of General Staff of Georgian Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence of Georgia

Gen. Pavel Macko, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Slovak Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence of Slovak Republic

15.00-16.30 **SESSION 6: Ukraine-NATO: Partnership or Membership?**

Ukrainian relationship with the North Atlantic Alliance was more sinusoid than a gradually improved partnership. Despite officially declared neutrality in the recent past, Ukraine is the only partner participating in each mission of the Alliance. After the recent changes, the dynamics of the NATO-Ukraine relationship changed dramatically. The political leaders in Kyiv made declarations about the country's perception as a future NATO member. The ambition of this panel is to discuss the perspectives and potential development of this crucial relationship for the whole European and Transatlantic security architecture.

Peter B. Doran, Director of Research, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA), USA

Grigoriy Perepelitsia, Director, Foreign Policy Institute, Ukrainian Diplomatic Academy

Vladimir Socor, Senior Fellow, Jamestown Foundation, USA

Chaired by: **Tengiz Pkhaladze**, Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili's adviser for foreign relations

16.30-16.45 **CLOSING REMARKS AND SUMMARY**

Róbert Ondrejcsák, Director, CENAA

Alexander Rondeli, President, GFSIS

18.00-21.00 **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

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