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## III Baltic-French Foreign and Security Policy Seminar

17-18 April 2008

Tallinn

### PROGRAM

#### Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April

17.00 *Words of welcome*

**Prof. Andres Kasekamp**, Director of the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

#### *Opening remarks*

**H.E. Mr Jaak Aaviksoo**, Minister of Defence of Estonia

**H.E. Mr Daniel Labrosse**, Ambassador of France to Estonia

Session 1: New security threats and risks

17.20 – 19.00

*Chair:* **Mr Denis Badré**, Chairman of the France-Baltic inter-parliamentary group, Senat

*Speaker:* **Mr Christian-Marc Lifländer**, Director, Policy Planning Department, MoD (Estonia)

*Discussant:* **Gen. Robert Ranquet**, Deputy Director, Delegation on Strategic Affairs, MoD  
(France)

*Discussant:* **Dr Kęstutis Paulauskas**, Deputy Defence Adviser, Lithuanian Mission to NATO

*Discussant:* **Mr Ilgvars Klava**, Undersecretary of State, MFA (Latvia)

19.00 *End of the first day of the Seminar*

20.00 *Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Daniel Labrosse, Ambassador of France to Estonia*

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Session 2: NATO Strategic Concept –  
need for change?

**8:45 – 10:15**

*Chair:* **Mr Tomas Jermalavičius**, Dean of the Baltic Defence College

*Speaker:* **Mr Jānis Sarts**, Undersecretary for Defence Planning, MoD (Latvia)

*Discussant:* **Gen. Gilles Rouby**, Deputy Military Representative of France to NATO

*Discussant:* **Mr Lauri Lepik**, Deputy Defence Counselor, Estonian Representation to NATO

**10:15 – 10:30**

*Coffee break*

Session 3: France in the European security context:  
White Book, French role in NATO,  
priorities for EU presidency

**10:30 – 12:30**

*Chair:* **Mrs Kristiina Ojuland**, Chairman of France-Estonia inter-parliamentary group &

Deputy Speaker of the Estonian Parliament, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

*Speaker:* **Mr Michel Miraillet**, Director, Delegation on Strategic Affairs, MoD (France)

*Discussant:* **Mr Gediminas Varvuolis**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Lithuania to  
NATO

*Discussant:* **Prof. Zaneta Ozolina**, Chairperson, Strategic Analysis Commission, (Latvia)

*Discussant:* **Mr Margus Kolga**, Director General, 1<sup>st</sup> Political Department, MFA, (Estonia)

**12:30 - 14:30** Lunch hosted by Minister of Defence of Estonia, H.E. Mr. Jaak Aaviksoo  
at restaurant *Dominic*

Session 4: Afghanistan - perspectives for  
stabilisation

**14:30 - 16:00**

*Chair:* **Mr Andžejs Viļumsons**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Latvia to NATO

*Speaker:* **Mr Renatas Norkus**, Undersecretary for Policy and International Relations, MoD  
(Lithuania)

*Discussant:* **Mr Alexis Morel**, Counsellor, Strategic Affairs Department, MFA (France)

*Discussant:* **Mr Harri Tiido**, Undersecretary for Security Policy, MFA, Estonian Ambassador  
to Afghanistan

**16.00** *Concluding remarks by Prof. Andres Kasekamp*