



In cooperation with the Estonian Ministry of Defence and
the Delegation on Strategic Affairs of the French Ministry of Defence

III Baltic-French Foreign and Security Policy Seminar

17-18 April 2008

Tallinn

PROGRAM

Thursday, 17th 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, 18th 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, 1st 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*