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DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OVER THE ARMED FORCES
International Seminar
Tbilisi, Hotel Marriott
28-29 May 2003

Draft Programme

Chair: General Sir Garry Johnson – Chairman, ISAB

Tuesday, May 27

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcoming reception hosted by Estonian Ministry of Defence, Hotel Marriott (room Queen Tamar)**

Wednesday, May 28

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration**

09:30 – 11:00 **Introductory Session**

09.30 – 10.00 Welcoming speech

LtGen David D. Tevzadze - Minister of Defence of Georgia

10.00 – 10.30 Keynote speech - General Issues of Democratic Control over the Armed Forces

Mr. Jüri Luik, Former Minister of Defence of Estonia, Member of ISAB

10.30 – 11.00 Plans for Implementation of Democratic Control over the Armed Forces in Georgia.

Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili Deputy Minister of Defence of Georgia

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Panel 1: Legal Issues**

11:30 – 12:15 Legal framework for Democratic Control

Mr. Lauri Almann – Legal Adviser to Estonian Ministry of Defence

12:15 – 12:30 co-statement in legal issues

Mrs. Aurime Bikelyte, Deputy Head of Defence Policy and Planning Department, Lithuanian Ministry of Defence

12:30 – 12:45 Legislation in Georgia

Colonel Jony Kharchava - Director of Legal Department, Georgian Ministry of Defence

12:45 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Buffet lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Panel 2: Planning procedures, Consultations and Decision-making

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Mrs. Aurime Bikelyte, Deputy Head of Defence Policy and Planning Department, Lithuanian Ministry of Defence

14:45 – 15:00 Co-statement
Commander Hanne Johnslov, Norwegian Adviser in Latvian NAF HQ

15:00 – 15:30 Defence planning
Ms Pat Shearing, UK Defence Adviser to Georgia

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:30 Planning procedures and Decision-making
Col Kakha Kacitadze, Chief of Strategic Planning and Armed Control Department, J-5, GS, Georgia

16:30 – 16:45 Discussion

16:45 – 17:00 Conclusions of the first day of seminar

19:00 – 21:00 Reception hosted by MoD of Georgia

Thursday, May 29

09:30 – 11:00 Panel 3: Defining Democratic Control

09:30 – 10:00 Traditions for Democratic Control
Mr. Andres Kasekamp, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

10:00 – 10:15 Georgian political-cultural background for democratic control
Dr. Ivlian Khaindrava CPIRS

10:15 – 11:00 Models of civilian MOD
Mr. Eden Cole, Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Panel 4: Structural issues

11:30 – 12:15 Tasks and Roles of Departments and Sections of the MoD and the GS.
Col Stanislavs Voichevovics, Deputy Head, Planning Division, J1, Latvian Armed Forces HQ

12:15 – 12:30 Structure of Civilian MOD - Baltic Experience
Mr. Sven Sakkov, Deputy Director, Defence Policy and Planning Department, Estonian Ministry of Defence

12:30 – 12:45 Interaction and Coordination of MoD and GS
Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili - Deputy Minister of Defence

12:45 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **Buffet lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Panel 5: Public Relations**

- 14:00 – 14:30 Public opinion and civilian control
*Mr. Sven Sakkov, Deputy Director, Defence Policy and Planning
Department, Estonian Ministry of Defence*
- 14:30 – 14:45 co-statement
Lt Uldis Davidovs, Public Relations Department, Latvian Ministry of Defence
- 14:45 – 15:00 Defence Reform and Public Relations
*Mr. Mirian Kiknadze - Chief of Public Relations and Information
Department, Georgian Ministry of Defence*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:00 **Conclusions and Seminar Closing**

- 16:00 – 16:30 Conclusions and the Next steps
- 16:30 – 17:00 Concluding Remarks
General Sir Garry Johnson – Chairman, ISAB
Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili – Deputy Minister of Defence of Georgia