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Tallinn, 18-19 October 2010
Hotel Radisson Blu

Monday, 18 October 2010

14:30-15:00 **Registration**

15:00-15:25 **Opening remarks**
H.E. Dr. Jaak Aaviksoo, Minister of Defence of Estonia
H.E. Dr. Martin Hanz, Ambassador of Germany
Dr. Andres Kasekamp, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

15:25-17:00 **Panel 1: Future of NATO**

Moderator: **Dr. Andres Kasekamp**, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

Key Challenges facing NATO today

Mr. Sven Sakkov, Political Director, Estonian Ministry of Defence

Drafting the New Strategic Concept

Mr. Saulius Gasiunas, Defence Adviser, Lithuanian Delegation to NATO

NATO partnerships

Mr. Juris Pēkalis, Head of NATO and European Security Policy Section, Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The future of NATO in the context of the Alliance's relations with the European Union and Russia

Dr. Emily Haber, Political Director, German Federal Foreign Office

17:00-17:30 **Coffee Break**

17:30-19:00 **Panel 2: Common Security and Defence Policy**

Moderator: **Mr. Eerik Marmei**, Director of NATO and EU Department, Estonian Ministry of Defence

Progress in NATO-EU relations – wishful thinking or tangible reality?

Mr. Janis Sārts, State Secretary, Latvian Ministry of Defence

Post-Lisbon EU towards a more active role in world affairs – are we really moving forward?

Mr. Sander Soone, Political Director, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Building a common understanding on the instruments created with the Lisbon treaty, the possibility of Permanent Structured Cooperation

Dr. Patrick Sensburg, Member of the Baltic-German Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag

Lisbon treaty implications for the security environment of the Baltic Sea region

Mr. Andrius Vaivada, Chief Officer of Euroatlantic Cooperation Department, Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence

20.00 **Reception at restaurant Gloria hosted by H.E. Dr. Jaak Aaviksoo, Minister of Defence of Estonia**

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9:00-10:45 **Panel 3: Afghanistan**

Moderator: **Dr. Joachim Krause**, Professor, University of Kiel

Is the counter-insurgency strategy working in Afghanistan?

Mr. Riho Terras, Permanent Secretary, Estonian Ministry of Defence

Handing over responsibility to Afghan authorities

Mr. Grazvydas Jasutis, Deputy Head of International Operations Section, Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence

How to ensure popular support for our continued participation in Afghanistan?

LtCol Dirk Hamann, Expert, Politico-Military Aspects of Operations (FüS III 6), German Federal Ministry of Defence

Situation in Afghanistan through a journalist's lens

Mr. Sandijs Semjonovs, Journalist, TV3 Latvia

10.45-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:45 **Panel 4: Regional Security**

Moderator: **Mr. Tomas Jermalavicius**, Researcher, International Centre for Defence Studies

Regional security and defence initiatives: status quo and the way forward

Dr. Mantas Adomenas, Member of Lithuanian Parliament

Baltic and German perceptions of the shift in Russian foreign and security policy in recent years

Dr. Markus Kaim, Head of Research Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Possibilities of further engaging Russia, and increasing stability and predictability in the region

Mr. Airis Rikveilis, Head of the Minister's Personal Office, Latvian Ministry of Defence

The Role of EU and NATO in the security and stabilization process of Europe's eastern neighbourhood

Mr. Clyde Kull, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

12:45-13:00 **Concluding remarks by Mr. Riho Terras, Permanent Secretary, Estonian Ministry of Defence**

13:00-14:00 **Buffet lunch**