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NATO, the credit crunch and the new security environment

16 & 17 December 2009

16 December

18:00-19:30 "The future of the transatlantic relationship"

Keynote speech and Q&A
Former U.S. Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**,
Chair of the Albright Stonebridge Group

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17 December

09:00-09:30 Keynote Speech

Pieter De Crem
Minister of Defence, Belgium

09:30-11:00 Session I - A "forced" consensus?

The rise of the G20, Western military engagement in a growing number of theatres, the increasing need for both civilian and military responses to conflicts, and the financial crisis all herald a need for international security organisations to constantly rethink their nature and role. How will NATO face this new balance in international security and defence? Will NATO and EU peacekeeping missions remain the chief instruments of Western security, or is a new approach needed? Will the financial crisis give rise to new security challenges for the Alliance? What relations with neighbouring nations in the light of the proliferation of threats by non-state actors? Can NATO and the EU reinforce each other's efforts to overhaul and strengthen global security arrangements?

Speakers
Haydar Berk, Ambassador, Mission of Turkey to NATO
Horst-Heinrich Brauss, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Stewart Eldon, Ambassador, Delegation of the UK to NATO
Fernando Perpina-Robert Peyra, Secretary General, Club de Madrid, Member of the Group of Experts on NATO's Strategic Concept
Adam Daniel Rotfeld, Co-Chairman, Polish-Russian Group on Difficult Matters and Special Envoy of Poland's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of the Group of Experts on NATO's Strategic Concept
David Rudd, Strategic Analyst, Department of National Defence, Canada
Yannis-Alexis Zepos, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Greece, Member of the Group of Experts on NATO's Strategic Concept

Co-moderators
Giles Merritt, Director, Security & Defence Agenda (SDA)
Peter R. Weilemann, Director, European Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Coffee Break 11:00-11:30

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11:30-13:00 Session II - Recalibrating defence spending

Financial constraints on both sides of the Atlantic are biting just as military chiefs are demanding even greater resources. Will national budget cuts favour future investment or current operations? Can conflicting pressures be reconciled within international armaments programmes? Is the crisis likely to increase 'free riding', or might its management be a way to encourage all players to pull their weight? Can a crisis-driven re-think by low-spending EU or NATO members streamline defence industries, remove trade and procurement barriers and establish a more positive transatlantic industrial relationship ? How are reduced budgets in member states likely to affect the reform efforts within NATO?

Speakers
Antonios Chatzidakis, General Manager, NAMSA, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Giampaolo Di Paola, Chairman, Military Committee, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Peter Flory, Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Geoff Hoon, MP, House of Commons United Kingdom, Former Defence Secretary of the UK, and Member of the Group of Experts on NATO's Strategic Concept
Ümit Pamir, Former Ambassador of Turkey to the North Atlantic Council, Member of the Group of Experts on NATO's Strategic Concept
Véronique Roger-Lacan, Deputy Director, Delegation for Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Defence, France

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End of Conference

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