Current Challenges to Euro-Atlantic Security:
Strategies for Co-operation and Joint Solutions

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Draft Agenda

8:45 – 9:15 Introductory Remarks
- The Honorable Jane Harman, Director, President & CEO, Wilson Center (Confirmed)
- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Confirmed)
- Representative of the 2015 Serbian OSCE Chairmanship (TBC)

9:15 – 10:45 Session 1:
Ukraine and the Crisis of Euro-Atlantic Security

The crisis in and around Ukraine has revealed the depth of the growing East-West divide in Europe. Fundamental principles have been called into question, and an increasingly harsh rhetoric of division and different perceptions of threats are translating into new realities on the ground. What are the ripple effects of the Ukraine crisis? How can East-West tensions be reduced?

Moderator: Matthew Rojansky, Director, Kennan Institute (Confirmed)

Panelists:
- Federica Mogherini, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (Confirmed – via video-conference)
- Pavlo Klimkin, Foreign Minister of Ukraine (Confirmed)
- Sergey Kislyak, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the USA (Confirmed)
- Senator Sam Nunn, Co-Chairman and CEO, Nuclear Threat Initiative (TBC)

OSCE Respondent: Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE (Confirmed)

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:45 Session 2:
Afghanistan and Central Asia:
Enhancing Stability and Security in the Region

As Afghanistan enters a new phase of its transformation to establish democratic institutions and the rule of law and to improve the well-being of its people, it continues to face challenges. To what extent does instability in Afghanistan affect regional stability in Central Asia? In which areas could bilateral or multilateral cooperation be strengthened within the region for mutual benefit? What can the international community do to enhance stability and foster development and prosperity in Afghanistan and the wider region?

Moderator: Richard Engel, Chief Foreign Correspondent, NBC (TBC)

Panelists

- Salahuddin Rabbani, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (TBC)
- Sirodjidin Aslov, Foreign Minister of Tajikistan (TBC)
- Dr. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh, Professor of Human Security, Sciences Po (Paris) (Confirmed)
- Nicholas Haysom, Special Representative and head, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) (Confirmed)

OSCE respondent: Amb. Thomas Greminger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE and Chair of the Asian Contact Group (Confirmed)

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch

Keynote Address: “Current Challenges to Euro-Atlantic Security: Strategies for Co-operation and Joint Solutions”

- Ashton Carter, U.S. Secretary of Defense (TBC)

2:00 – 3:30 Session 3:
Confronting the Challenge Within:
Preventing Radicalization that Leads to Terrorism

The swift and brutal rise of extremist militant groups in the Middle East has attracted disaffected youth from countries across Europe, Eurasia and North America to serve as foreign terrorist fighters, and increasingly to commit terrorist acts at home. What factors in our societies encourage vulnerable individuals to follow the path of radicalization that leads to violent extremism and terrorism? What kinds of policies can stop this phenomenon while respecting the rule of law and human rights? How can countries work together to prevent radicalization and the flow of foreign terrorist fighters?
Moderator: Deborah Amos, International Correspondent for NPR News (Confirmed)

- Jeffrey Feltman, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Chairman of UN Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (TBC)
- General Hussein Hazza' Al-Majali, Minister of Interior, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (TBC)
- Francis X. Taylor, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Confirmed)
- Mr. Iliya Rogachev, Director, Department for New Challenges and Threats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (Confirmed)
- Gilles de Kerchove, EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator (TBC)
- Michael Georg Link, Director, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (Confirmed)

OSCE respondent: Ambassador Christian Istrate, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE (Confirmed)

3:30 – 3:45 Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:15 Session 4:
Strategies for the Future

Rapidly evolving challenges to security in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian region urgently require common policies and joint actions to address them. Yet growing East-West tensions are making cooperation all the more difficult to achieve. What can the international community do to address this broader crisis? What strategies hold out the most promise for creating trust and restoring confidence? In which areas is there common ground for cooperation to tackle urgent threats to security? Could the OSCE play a larger role in providing an inclusive platform for dialogue and joint action?

Moderator: Jill Dougherty, former Anchor and Foreign Affairs Correspondent, CNN and Wilson Center Fellow (Confirmed)

Panelists

- Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman, Munich Security Conference (Confirmed)
- Melanne Verveer, Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace, and Security (TBC)
- Sergey Karaganov, Dean, School of International Economics and Foreign Affairs, National Research University Higher School of Economics (Confirmed)
- Adam Daniel Rotfeld, former Foreign Minister of Poland (Confirmed)
- Ambassador Marcel Pesko, Director, Office of the OSCE Secretary General (Confirmed)
OSCE Respondent: Ambassador Daniel Baer, Permanent Representative of the United States to the OSCE (Confirmed)

5:15-5:30 Concluding Remarks

- The Honorable Jane Harman, Director, President & CEO, Wilson Center (Confirmed)
- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Confirmed)
- Representative of the 2015 Serbian OSCE Chairmanship (TBC)