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Opening Session

Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, OSCE

Ambassador Lamberto Zannier of Italy took up the post of OSCE Secretary General on 1 July 2011.

Zannier is an Italian career diplomat. From June 2008 to June 2011 he was UN Special Representative for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK).


Eoin O’Leary, Chairman, OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE

Head of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE in Vienna, August 2007 to date.

European and International Affairs, Department of the Taoiseach, 2001 to 2007. In that post he has played a key role in the management of Ireland’s Presidency of the EU, in the handling of the negotiations on the European Constitution and the Nice Treaty and in the negotiation of official status, at EU level, for the Irish language.

Eoin served as Principal in the Economic and Social Policy Division and Assistant Principal in the European and International Affairs Division of the Department of the Taoiseach.

He previously served in the Department of Environment and the Department of Finance. Eoin qualified as a national teacher and taught in Ballyfermot for six years. He is also a Barrister at Law.
Wolfgang Schüssel, President, Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria (ÖGAVN).

Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel was born in Vienna in 1945 and received his doctorate in law in 1968 from Vienna University. Between 1975 and 1989 Dr Schüssel served as a member of the Austrian Parliament. From 1989 to 1995 he worked as Minister for Economic Affairs and from 1995-1999 he was Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs. From July to December 1998 Dr Schüssel played a key role in Austria’s EU Presidency of the Council of General and Foreign Affairs. In the period 1995 to 2007 he also worked as National Chairman of the Austrian People’s Party.

Between 2000 and 2007 Dr Schüssel served as Federal Chancellor of Austria where, amongst other things, he strove for the integration of Austria into the European Union. From January to June 2006 Austria held the EU Presidency and from 2006-2008 Dr Schüssel was Chairman of the Austrian People’s Party parliamentary group. Since 2007 Dr Schüssel has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bertelsmann Foundation and since 2010 he has been a member of the supervisory board of RWE AG. Since 2008 Dr Schüssel has been President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria.

Session I - Shaping a Security Community: thematic and geographic issues within a comprehensive security agenda

Moderator: István Gyarmati, Professor, President of the Center for Democracy Public Foundation (DEMKK)

After earning his Ph.D. in Military Science, Dr. Gyarmati worked at the Zrínyi Miklós National Defense University, the Association of Hungarian Journalists, and the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He served as the Alternate Permanent Representative of Hungary to the IAEA from 1981 to 1986. He participated in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, he was the deputy head of the Hungarian delegation at the negotiations on conventional armed forces in Vienna in 1989, and he participated in the negotiations surrounding the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary. From 1992 to 1994 he led the Hungarian delegation to the expert meetings of the Helsinki Summit, the Hungarian expert delegation to the London Conference on Yugoslavia, and the Department for Security Policy and Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

After serving in various positions in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, he became Deputy Secretary of State for Integration at the Ministry of Defense in 1996 then Undersecretary for Policy in 1998. He held top leadership positions at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapon, the EastWest Institute, and the OSCE/ODIHR Election Monitoring Mission in Moldova. He was President and CEO of the ICDT between 2005 and 2011. Since 2011, he is the President of the Centre for Democracy Public Foundation. He speaks English, German, Russian, and French. Dr. Gyarmati is married and has two children.
Heather Conley, Director and Senior fellow, Europe Programme, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Heather A. Conley is director and senior fellow of the Europe Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

Previously, Ms. Conley worked as senior adviser to the Center for European Policy Analysis, a public policy research institute dedicated to the study of Central Europe. Prior to that, she served as the executive director, Office of the Chairman of the Board of the American National Red Cross.

From 2001-2005, Ms. Conley served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the bureau for European and Eurasian Affairs, with responsibilities for U.S. bilateral relations for the 15 countries of northern and central Europe. Ms. Conley began her career in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, where she served as the State Department liaison for the U.S. Department of Defense’s Global Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP). Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Ms. Conley was selected to serve as special assistant to the U.S. coordinator of US assistance to the CIS.

Ms. Conley graduated in international studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College and has a M.A. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Igor Yurgens, Director, Institut Sovremenogo Razvitiya (INSOR)

Mr. Yurgens is the Chairman of the Management Board of the Institute of Contemporary Development, Vice President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, a member of the Presidential Council for the Development of the Information Society in Russia, a member of the Presidential Council for Civil Society Institutions and Human Rights, a member of the Academic Council of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, a member of Russian Council on International Affairs and a member of the Presidium of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policy.

Mr. Yurgens graduated from the Economics Department of Moscow State University. He is a professor of the Higher School of Economics and author of numerous articles and monographs.

Igor Yurgens is Honorary Consul General of Monaco in the Russian Federation.

He is also the recipient of several state and international awards, including the Order of Honor of the Russian Federation, L’Ordre National du Mérite of France and the Russian Orthodox Church’s Order of St. Sergius of Radonezh and Order of Prince Daniel of Moscow.

He is married and has a daughter.
Alyson Bailes, Professor, University of Iceland in Reykjavik

Alyson J.K. Bailes is a Visiting Professor at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik and a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, teaching on general security topics and on Nordic and European security.

From July 2002-August 2007 she was Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Professor Bailes spent largely her career in the British Diplomatic Service which she joined in 1969. Her foreign postings included Hungary, the UK delegation to NATO, Bonn, Beijing, Oslo, and finally the post of British Ambassador at Helsinki. In between she had assignments in London including as Head of Security Policy, and a number of career breaks and sabbaticals which included a spell as assistant to the EC's 1979 Committee of Wise Men and three years as Political Director of Western European Union (1997-2000). Her academic attachments included the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London and the EastWest Institute at New York.

Professor Bailes has published widely on topics of general security policy development, European security and defence, regional security co-operation, arms control issues and European relations with China. A collection of her speeches, Through European Eyes, appeared in April 2009. Her recent and current research interests include the roles of non-state actors (especially the private sector) in security, comparative Nordic studies and the emerging High North agenda. She is a member of the Boards of several think-tanks, academic organizations and periodicals.

Emil Tsenkov, Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Democracy (SCD)

Dr. Emil Tsenkov is Senior Fellow at the European Programme of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, one of the most influential Bulgarian think-tanks, since the organization was founded.

The scope of Dr. Tsenkov’s activities includes comparative political systems, international security, good governance and countering of political corruption. Dr. Tsenkov took part in a number of projects, related to democratic reforms in transition countries, anti-corruption and introducing integrity instruments in Bulgarian politics, European integration, transnational organized crime, etc. He is a co-author of the annual Corruption Assessment Reports of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, and was a Coordinator of the Coalition 2000 anti-corruption initiative. In the period 2004-2007 he was Director of the Information Centre on the Council of Europe in Sofia. In 2008-2009 Dr. Tsenkov was DCM in the embassy of Bulgaria in Tripoli (Libya). He was also an OSCE observer at the parliamentary elections in Bosnia, Kosovo and Kazakhstan.

Dr. Tsenkov holds a BA from the Department of History of the Baghdad University and a Ph.D. from the Oriental Institute in Moscow.
Session II - Shaping a Security Community: addressing emerging global challenges. Developing a new approach to conventional arms control?

Moderator: Adam Kobieracki, Director, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

Adam Kobieracki, from Poland, assumed the post of Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre on 1 June 2011, succeeding Herbert Salber. Kobieracki has served in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1982, most recently as the Director for Security Policy. From 2003 to 2007 he was NATO Assistant Secretary General for Operations in Brussels. Ambassador Kobieracki headed the Polish delegation to the OSCE in Vienna from 1997 to 2000 and chaired the Permanent Council in 1998. He was involved in negotiations of the OSCE Vienna Document 1994 and the adaption of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty in 1999.

Steven Pifer, Director, Brookings Arms Control Initiative and Senior Adviser, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Steven Pifer is director of the Brookings Arms Control Initiative and a senior fellow at the Brookings Center on the United States and Europe. He focuses on arms control, Russia and Ukraine. A retired U.S. Foreign Service officer, his more than 25 years with the State Department focused on U.S. relations with the former Soviet Union and Europe, as well as arms control and security issues. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs with responsibilities for Russia and Ukraine (2001-2004), U.S. ambassador to Ukraine (1998-2000), and Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia on the National Security Council (1996-1997). In addition to Ukraine, he served at the U.S. embassies in Warsaw, Moscow and London, as well as with the U.S. delegation to the negotiation on intermediate-range nuclear forces in Geneva.

Adam Rotfeld, Co-Chairman of the Polish-Russian Working Group on Difficult Matters, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Professor Rotfeld is Co-Chairman of the Polish-Russian Working Group on Difficult Matters and Special Envoy of Poland’s Minister for Foreign Affairs. He has had a long career as an international expert, Polish researcher and leading analyst on security, arms control and defence policy. He has served as the Foreign Minister of Poland from January until November 2005 and before this was Deputy Foreign Minister. During his time as Foreign Minister, Professor Rotfeld established the Warsaw Reflection Group on UN Reform and Transatlantic Security and Complementarity of European Security Institutions.

In the 1990s, Professor Rotfeld served as the Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), after having led a SIPRI project on building a cooperative security
system in and for Europe. He was appointed in 1992-93 a Personal Representative of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Chairman-in-Office to elaborate the political settlement of the conflict in the Transdiester region of Moldova. Currently, Professor Rotfeld is also a member of the UN Secretary General’s Advisory Committee on Disarmament Matters.

Vincenzo Camporini, Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

General Vincenzo Camporini is Vice-President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), in Rome.

Enlisted in the Air Force Academy in 1965, General Camporini rose through the ranks to eventually take up the highest office of Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force (2006-08) and Chief of Defence General Staff (2008-11).

General Camporini has also dealt with the most topical issues of international politics as a scholar and academic, focusing on the political-military dimension of the European Union and the development of its ability to use the military instrument in the framework of its external relations. Among other things, he was President of the Centre for High Defence Studies, Rome (2004-06).

General Camporini graduated graduate in Aeronautical Sciences at the University of Naples Federico II and in International and Diplomatic Sciences at the University of Trieste.

Daniel Möckli, Head, Strategic Trends Analysis, Center for Security Studies (CSS)

Daniel Möckli is Head of the Strategic Trend Analysis team at the Center for Security Studies (CSS), ETH Zurich.

He is the editor of Strategic Trends, an annual publication offering concise analysis of major developments in world affairs with a primary focus on international security. He is also the editor and frequent author of the policy brief series CSS Analysis in Security Policy, which discusses current trends and developments in the field of international security.

Daniel's fields of research concern European security, Europe and the Middle East, and Swiss foreign and security policy. He has published studies on the origins and evolution of the CSCE as well as on the notion and applicability of cooperative security.

He received his BA from the University of Kent at Canterbury and his MA and PhD from the University of Zurich.
Session III - Towards Reconciliation: addressing the protracted conflicts and revitalising dialogue.

Moderator: Janez Lenarčič, Director, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Ambassador Janez Lenarčič of Slovenia leads the OSCE’s Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. Ambassador Lenarčič took over as Director in July 2008, bringing with him many years of experience in international affairs. He was the Slovenian Ambassador to the OSCE from 2003 to 2006. In 2005, when Slovenia held the OSCE’s rotating Chairmanship, he chaired the Permanent Council in Vienna, the Organization’s regular political decision-making body. After his Vienna assignment, he was appointed State Secretary for European Affairs in 2006, heading the working group for the preparation of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU (January to June 2008) and, subsequently, assuming responsibility for co-operation between the Presidency and the European Parliament. He also served as Diplomatic Adviser in the office of the Slovenian Prime Minister and in the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations in New York. Ambassador Lenarčič was born in Ljubljana in 1967 and holds a degree in international law from Ljubljana University.

Erwan Fouéré, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniesterian settlement process

Ambassador Erwan Fouéré is the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniesterian settlement process.

He retired in 2011 from service of the European Union, having joined the European institutions in 1973, as one of the first Irish people to do so.

His career included a number of other “firsts”: he was the first Head of the European Commission Delegations in Mexico (1989-94) and in South Africa (1994-98), and the first person to jointly hold the positions of EU Special Representative and Head of the European Commission Delegation (in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 2005-11).

He also served as Head of the European Commission Delegation in Slovenia (2002-05).

His appointments in Brussels included service as Head of OSCE Section in the Directorate General for External Relations (1998-2002).
Kai Eide, former UN Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the UN Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)

Ambassador Kai Eide is former UN Special Representative for Afghanistan and head of the UN Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) (2008-2010)

He was appointed Norwegian Permanent Representative to NATO in 2002, position he held until 2006. Prior to that, Ambassador Eide served at the OSCE and CSCE, starting from the early phases of the so-called Helsinki process in the 1973. He also served as Norwegian Ambassador to the OSCE from 1998 to 2002, including as Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council in 1999. He previously served with the United Nations as Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive review of Kosovo in 2005 and as Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1997-1998.

Ambassador Eide has been a member of the Norwegian Foreign Service since 1975. His diplomatic career includes postings as Special Adviser on the Balkans at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as Norway’s Ambassador at the International Conference for the former Yugoslavia, with special negotiating responsibility for Croatia.

Ambassador Eide was born in 1949, he holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oslo where he studied political science, international law, French and literature.

Aleksandr Nikitin, Director, Center for Euro-Atlantic Security, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)

Professor Alexander Nikitin is Director of the Center for Euro-Atlantic Security at Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). He is also President Emeritus of the Russian Political Science Association (RPSA).

Professor Nikitin has an extensive experience as researcher at the USA and Canada Studies Institute. His research focuses mainly in the spheres of international security and international relations. He is member of the Russian Academy of Military Sciences and since 2004, member of the Scientific-Expert Council of the Organization for Collective Security Treaty, as well as Director of the Center for Euro-Atlantic Security at the MGIMO. He was appointed in 2005 as official external expert of the United Nations, nominated by the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights.

Professor Nikitin was born in 1958, he graduated from the Department of Philosophy of Moscow State University in 1979 and he holds a Ph.D. on History of International Relations from the USA and Canada Studies Institute of the Academy of Sciences (1983). He wrote a second dissertation (Doctor of Political Sciences) in 2000 in MGIMO.
Jonathan Sisson, Regional Dealing with the Past Adviser for the West Balkans and Caucasus, Swiss FDFA

Jonathan Sisson is the regional adviser for the Dealing with the Past programs of the Human Security Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in the Balkan and Caucasus regions. Before beginning this position, he served as a Senior Program Officer at the Center for Peacebuilding (KOFF) at Swisspeace in Bern, a networking platform for governmental and non-governmental actors, promoting policy dialogue and processes of common learning in the area of peace promotion. At Swisspeace, he was responsible for the program on Dealing with the Past and reconciliation and was facilitator of the KOFF South East Europe Roundtable.

Active in the peace movement in the United States during the Vietnam War, he began working for the Swiss branch of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) in 1985. His activities covered a broad range of topics, including the development of training courses and educational manuals on nonviolence and peace education as well as projects and campaigns in the field of migration and integration, working with different refugee communities in Switzerland and abroad. From 1996 to 2011, he represented the IFOR at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, where he reported regularly on issues relating to violence against women in armed conflict and the violation of religious freedom in Tibet.

He studied Comparative Religions at Kenyon College in Ohio and Classical Philology and Biblical Exegesis at the University of Basel.

Session IV - Towards Reconciliation: a new vision for the OSCE?

Moderator: Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, OSCE

Wolfgang Zellner, Head of Centre for OSCE Research (CORE)

Dr Zellner studied Sociology in Regensburg and received his Dr.phil. from the Free University of Berlin for a thesis on: Die Verhandlungen über Konventionelle Streitkräfte in Europa unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der neuen politischen Lage in Europa und der Rolle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. He is a former scientific assistant to Ms. Katrin Fuchs, Member of the German Bundestag.

Languages: German, English, French.

Areas of research: European Security Issues, OSCE, Conventional Arms Control in Europe, Ethnopolitical Conflicts, Transnational Threats and Risks.
Andrei Zagorski, Head of Arms Control and Conflict Resolution Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian academy of Sciences; Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)

Dr. Andrei V. Zagorski is a well-known expert on European security, relations between Russia and NATO, and relations between Russia and European Organizations (OSCE, EU, Council of Europe).

He was the first who began working on independent, nongovernmental research in the field of WMD non-proliferation and arms control in Russia and has rendered invaluable assistance to new experts in this field.

He was born 1959 in Moscow. In 1981 he graduated from Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO) with a major in “international relations.” In 1985 he defended his doctoral thesis in History of International Relations at MGIMO.

From 1981 to 1992 he was a full-time researcher at the Center for International Studies of MGIMO. From 1992 to1999 he was a Vice-Rector of MGIMO. From 1999 to 2001 he was Senior Vice President, Director of the International Security Program of the project “Networking of the Early Warning Systems” of the EastWest Institute (EWI) in Prague. In 2002 he was Faculty Member of the Geneva Center for Security Policy.

After returning to Moscow, he had a research assignment at MGIMO and, since 2011, is Director of Arms Control and Conflict Resolution Studies at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Professor at the MGIMO-University.

François-Xavier de Donnea, Head of the Belgian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Minister of State, Belgium

François Xavier de Donnea is currently Minister of State of the Belgian House of Representatives. He is also chair or member of several intergovernmental delegations and institutes, including head of the Belgian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, chairman of the MEDEA Institute, and member of the Board of the Royal Institute for International Relations - Egmont (Belgium), among others.

Mr. de Donnea has held a number of important positions in the Belgian government, including Secretary of State for Development Cooperation (1983-1985), Minister of Defence (1985-1988), Mayor of the City of Brussels (1995-2000), Minister-President of the Brussels-Capital Region (2000-2003). He was also briefly a Member of European Parliament between 1989-1991. Throughout his career, Mr. de Donnea has served also in a variety of roles in academia and he is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Louvain.

Mr de Donnea was born in 1941 in Egedem (Antwerp). He is a trained economist and has graduated from the University of Louvain, from the University of California and holds a Ph. D. in Economics from Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
Daniel Serwer, Scholar, Middle East Institute and Professor, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Daniel Serwer (Ph.D., Princeton) is a Professor of Conflict Management, as well as a Senior Fellow at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He is also a Scholar at the Middle East Institute.

Formerly Vice President for Centers of Peacebuilding Innovation at the United States Institute of Peace (2009-10), he led teams there working on rule of law, religion, economics, media, technology, security sector governance and gender. He was previously Vice President for Peace and Stability Operations at USIP, where he led its peace building work in Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and the Balkans and served as Executive Director of the Hamilton/Baker Iraq Study Group. Serwer has worked on preventing interethnic and sectarian conflict in Iraq and has facilitated dialogue between Serbs and Albanians in the Balkans.

He was a minister-counselor at the Department of State, serving from 1994 to 1996 as U.S. special envoy and coordinator for the Bosnian Federation, mediating between Croats and Muslims and negotiating the first agreement reached at the Dayton peace talks. From 1990 to 1993, he was deputy chief of mission and chargé d’affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Rome, where he led a major diplomatic mission through the end of the Cold War and the first Gulf War.