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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**REASSESSING SECURITY IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS:
REGIONAL CONFLICTS, STABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION**

May 14-15, 2009, Yerevan
Picasso Hall, The Best Western Congress Hotel

Background:

The South Caucasus has gone through profound political and military transformations during the last year. Regional and international players are challenged to constantly revise security priorities and formulate new perceptions. The primary purpose of the conference is to reassess threats and conflict settlement prospects in the region, and understand the increasing civil pressure on the urgency of maintaining peace and stability in the area. The conference will address problems associated with the intensively evolving security architecture in the South Caucasus in relation with broader discussions on new security frameworks in the Euro-Atlantic community.

Participants:

Around 20 distinguished academics and experts from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Turkey, Iran, France, the United Kingdom, Norway, the United States, etc.

Registration and further information:

Deadline for registration: May 11th, 2009, 18:00.

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Draft Agenda

May 14

- 09:30-10:00 Registration
- 10:00-10:10 Opening speech by the Minister of Defense of the Republic of Armenia, Mr. *Seyran Ohanyan*
- 10:10-10:20 Opening speech by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France in Armenia, *Serge Smessow*
- 10:20-10:30 Opening remarks by the Director of the INSS, *Major General Hayk Kotanjian*, the Director of the CLESID, *Professor Jean-Paul Joubert*, and the Program Director, *Annie Jafalian*, CLESID
- 10:30-11:15 **RISKS, THREATS AND CONFLICT SETTLEMENT**
- Georgia: From the Rose Revolution to the War in South Ossetia**
- Speakers: *Thornike Gordadze*, French Institute for Anatolian Studies, Baku
Sergey Markedonov, Institute for Political and Military Analysis, Moscow
- Moderator: *Sylvia Serrano*, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Science, Paris
- Q&A**
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00 **Azerbaijan: Toward a Renewal of Military Operations in Nagorno-Karabagh?**
- Speakers: *Vladimir Kazimirov*, Association of Russian Diplomats, Moscow
Suren Zolyan, Yerevan State Linguistic University (Brusov Institute), Yerevan
- Moderator: *Lawrence Sheets**, International Crisis Group, Tbilisi
- Q&A**
- Armenia: National Security in the Regional Context**
- Speakers: *Richard Giragosian*, Armenian Center for National and International Studies, Yerevan
Hayk Kotanjian, Institute for National Strategic Studies, Yerevan
- Moderator: *Sergey Markedonov*, Institute for Political and Military Analysis, Moscow
- Q&A**
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 **COOPERATION WITH REGIONAL NEIGHBOURS: TOWARD A NEW BALANCE?**
- South Caucasian States: Perceptions of Regional Powers and Foreign Policies**
- Speakers: *Alexander Iskandaryan*, Caucasus Media Institute, Yerevan
Burcu Gültekin, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
Nika Chitadze, Ilia Chavchavadze University, Tbilisi
- Moderator: *Roy Allison*, London School of Economics, London
- Q&A**
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 **Regional Powers: Evolving Interests and Strategies**

Speakers: *Sergei Zhiltsov*, Head of the CIS Centre, Diplomatic Academy, Moscow
Mustafa Aydin, Tobb University of Economics and Technology, Ankara
S.J. Dehghani, Institute for Research on Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus, Tehran
Moderator: *Laure Delcour*, Institute for International and Strategic Relations, Paris

Q&A

18:30 Dinner

May 15

INTEGRATION INTO THE EURASIAN COMMUNITY: TAKING STOCK

10:00-11:15 **International Organizations: Shaping and Developing Security Programs**

Speakers: *Pavel Baev*, Peace Research Institute of Oslo
James Keagle, National Defence University, Washington
Laure Delcour, Institute for International and Strategic Relations, Paris
Moderator: *Nikolay Hovhannisyanyan*, Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Sciences of the RA, Yerevan

Q&A

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 **South Caucasian States' Involvement in International Security Cooperation Frameworks**

Speakers: *Levan Tsutskiridze*, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi
Tevan Poghosyan, Armenian Atlantic Association, Yerevan
Moderator: *Sylvia Serrano*, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Science, Paris

Q&A

* To be confirmed