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Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: Eastern Partnership and Current Security Challenges

Friday, March 2, 2018

Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel

Chisinau, Moldova

March 1, 2018

19:30 **Departure from Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel**

20:00 **Welcoming Dinner at Cricova Wine Cellar**

March 2, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 **Flower Laying Ceremony at “Mama Îndurerată”**

Commemoration of those fallen during the armed conflict on the Nistru river – chiefs of delegations plus Amb. only.

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcoming and Keynote Remarks**

Mr. Damon Wilson, *Executive Vice President*, Atlantic Council

H.E. Andrian Candu, *Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova*, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

H.E. Irakli Kobakhidze, *Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia*, Parliament of Georgia

H.E. Andriy Parubiy, *Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

10:00 – 11:00 **Panel One: Building a Response to Disinformation**

Disinformation campaigns are not new. However, recent efforts by the Kremlin have moved beyond Europe’s East, targeting the US, NATO, EU, and other democratic institutions. By employing old tactics, Moscow aims to destabilize, and sow distrust in these institutions. This panel will address current challenge posed by disinformation in the region and how to address it.

Dr. Michael Carpenter, *Senior Fellow, Eurasia Center, Future Europe Initiative, and Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security*, Atlantic Council

H.E. Ināra Mūrniece, *Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia*, Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

H.E. Maria Koc, *Deputy Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland*, Senate of the Republic of Poland

Mr. Enn Eesmaa, *First Vice-President of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia*, Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia

Mr. Vojtěch Píkal, *Vice-president of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic*

Mr. Toma Bikov, *Member of Parliament*, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Moderated by:

Ms. Geysa Gonzalez, *Associate Director, Eurasia Center*, Atlantic Council

11:00 – 11:15

Break

Joint statement by the chairmen of the parliaments of Georgia, Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine

11:15 – 12:15

Panel Two: Ensuring Stable Economic Growth and the Rule of Law in the Eastern Partnership

Economic and judicial reforms are key drivers to ensure a successful path towards European integration for Moldova, Georgia, and Ukraine. This panel will address the current challenges faced by each of the countries, what the EU and the US can do to support reforms, and make recommendations on what the governments can do to implement and sustain reforms.

Dr. Anders Åslund, *Senior Fellow, Eurasia Center*, Atlantic Council

H.E Ryszard Terlecki, *Deputy Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland*, Sejm of the Republic of Poland

Ms. Hanna Hopko, *Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Moderated by:

Ambassador Asif Chaudhry, *Vice President for International Programs*, Washington State University

12:15 – 13:15

Luncheon

13:15 – 14:15

Panel Three: Energy Security

This panel will address the current developments in shifting gas demand from Russia and strengthening energy independence, as well as the broader implications for the region.

Ms Irena Degutiene, *Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania*

Ms. Nataliia Katser-Buchkovska, *Chairperson of the Sub-committee, Committee on Fuel and Energy Complex, Nuclear Power and Nuclear Safety*, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Ambassador John Herbst, *Director, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council*

Dr. Agnia Grigas, *Senior Fellow, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council*

Moderated by:

Mr. Timothy Fairbank, *Senior Fellow, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council*

14:15 – 15:15

Panel Four: Common Security Challenges

This panel will address the security challenges posed by the unresolved conflicts in Moldova, Georgia, and Ukraine.

Minister Tinatin Khidasheli, *Former Minister of Defense, Ministry of Defense of Georgia*

Ambassador Alexander Vershbow, *Distinguished Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council*

Ms. Iryna Friz, *Chairperson of the Subcommittee, Committee on National Security and Defence, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*

Ambassador Eugen Carpov, *Member of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova*

Mr. Filip Popov, *Member of Parliament, Chair of the Friendship Group Bulgaria-Moldova, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Moderated by:

Dr. Jonathan Eyal, *Associate Director, Strategic Research Partnerships, Royal United Services Institute*

15:15 – 15:30

Closing Remarks

15:30 – 18:00

Free Time

18:00

Joint Meeting of Heads of Delegations

Parliament of Moldova, Europe Hall

19:00

Official Gala Dinner

By invitation only

The Hon. Judge Ted Poe, *Representative for Texas's Second Congressional District, US House of Representatives*

March 3, 2018

All Day

Departures