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## Visit to NATO HQ of the NATO Regional Cooperation Course (NRCC-8)

6-7 November 2012

### Programme

#### Tuesday 6 November 2012 - Room 8

- 08:30 Arrival at NATO Headquarters and security procedures
- 09:15 Welcome Remarks and Discussion on *NATO's Current Political Agenda* by **H.E. Ambassador Dirk Brengelmann**, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy.
- 10:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's New Strategic Concept, the Mediterranean and the Middle East* by **Mr. Nicola de Santis**, Head, Middle East and North Africa Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division.
- 11:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Operation in Libya and Afghanistan* by **Major General Marcel Druart**, Director Operations Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 12:00 Meeting with **Mr Joseph Manso**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the North Atlantic Council, and with **Mr Ekkehard Brose**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany on the North Atlantic Council.
- 13:00 Lunch in the NATO Restaurant.
- 15:00 Briefing on *NATO's New Partnership Policy* by **Dr Jaroslaw Skonieczka**, Senior Director, Integration, Partnership and Cooperation Directorate, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division.
- 16:00 Meeting and discussion with **H.E. Ambassador Riccardo Sessa**, Permanent Representative of Italy on the North Atlantic Council.
- 17:00 Meeting and discussion with **H.E. Ambassador João Mira Gomes**, Permanent Representative of Portugal on the North Atlantic Council and with **H.E. Ambassador José De Carvajal**, Permanent Representative of Spain on the North Atlantic Council.
- 18:00 Depart NATO HQ to Hotel
- 20:00 Reception with MD and ICI Ambassadors, hosted by Ambassador Brengelmann (Hotel Le Meridien)

## Wednesday 7 November 2012 - Room

- 08:30 Arrival at NATO Headquarters and security procedures
- 09:00 Address and Q&As by **General Knud Bartels**, Chairman of the North Atlantic Military Committee.
- 10:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Military Cooperation in the Framework of the Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative* by **Major General Carlos Branco**, Director Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 11:00 Meeting and Discussion with **H.E. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow**, NATO Deputy Secretary General.
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 Hosted Lunch in the *Salon des Ambassadeur* presided by **Major General Carlos Branco**, Director Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 14:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Reform and Command Structure* by **Major General Neeme Väli**, Director Plans and Policy Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 15:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Civil Emergency Planning* by **Mr Guenther Bretschneider**, Head of the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC), Operations Division.
- 16:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO-Russia relations* with **Dr Petr Lunak**, Deputy Head, Engagement Section, Public Diplomacy Division.
- 17:00 Meeting and discussion with **H.E. Ambassador Frank Majoor**, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands on the North Atlantic Council.
- 18:00 Depart NATO HQ to Hotel