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# MEDIA PROGRAMME

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Hall 2-C (ground floor).

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Friday, 28 May

**11:00 PRESS BRIEFING BY THE NATO PA**

International Exhibition Centre  
Hall C

**Mr Sven MIKSER**, Vice-President of the NATO PA

**Mrs Vaira PAEGLE**, Head of the Latvian delegation to the NATO PA

**Mr David HOBBS**, Secretary General of the NATO PA

**Media representatives should be at the press briefing by 10:45.**

## Saturday, 29 May

### 9:15 MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

International Exhibition Centre  
Hall A

- 9:30 **Mr Aivis RONIS**, Foreign Minister of Latvia  
*Latvia's Foreign and Security Priorities*
- 10:30 **Amb Alexander VERSHBOW**, US Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Affairs (ISA)  
*From Kabul to Brussels: Lessons for NATO from its Mission in Afghanistan*  
Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Relations
- 12:00 Draft General Report  
*Alliance Cohesion*  
**General Rapporteur: Raynell ANDREYCHUK (Canada)**
- 14:00 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on NATO Partnerships  
*NATO and Contact Countries*  
**Rapporteur a.i.: José Luís ARNAUT (Portugal) – presented by Rainer STINNER (Germany)**
- 14:45 **Mr Alain DELETROZ**, Vice President (Europe), International Crisis Group (ICG)  
*General Political Developments in Central Asia: A New Great Game at Three?*
- 16:15 *Security in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula*  
**Rapporteur: Mike ROSS (United States) – presented by Michael TURNER (United States)**

### 9:15 MEETING OF THE ECONOMICS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

International Exhibition Centre  
Hall B

- 9:30 **Mr Ilmārs RIMŠĒVIČS**, Governor of the Bank of Latvia  
*A Profile of the Latvian Economy*
- 10:30 **Mr Spyros ECONOMIDES**, Senior Lecturer, International Relations and European Politics, London School of Economics  
*The Greek Financial Crisis: Implications for the European and the Global Economy*
- 12:10 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on East-West Economic Co-operation and Convergence  
*The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Central and Eastern Europe*  
**Rapporteur: Attila MESTERHAZY (Hungary)**
- 14:00 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Economic Relations  
*Global Recession, Poverty and Insecurity in the Developing World*  
**Rapporteur: Jeppe KOFOD (Denmark)**
- 14:50 Draft General Report  
*Long-term Economic Change and the Shifting Global Balance of Power*  
**General Rapporteur: Simon van DRIEL (Netherlands)**

**9:15 MEETING OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**International Exhibition Centre  
Hall C

- 9:30 **Mrs Vaira VĪĶE-FREIBERGA**, Former President of Latvia, Vice-chair of the Reflection Group on the Future of the European Union  
*West and Russia- Reset Policy and Energy Security. View from the Baltics*
- 10:45 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Energy and Environmental Security  
*A Sustainable Energy Strategy for the Alliance*  
**Rapporteur: Philippe VITEL (France)**
- 11:30 **Mr Michael RÜHLE**, Head, Speechwriting, and Senior Political Advisor in the NATO Secretary General's Policy Planning Unit  
*Strengthening the Global Nuclear Non-proliferation Regime*
- 12:15 Draft General Report  
*Nuclear/WMD Proliferation and Missile Defence: Forging a Strategic Partnership with Russia*  
**General Rapporteur: David SCOTT (United States)**
- 14:00 Draft Special Report  
*Climate Change: Post-Copenhagen Challenges*  
**Special Rapporteur: Pierre Claude NOLIN (Canada)**

Sunday, 30 May

**9:15 MEETING OF THE DEFENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**International Exhibition Centre  
Hall A

- 9:15 **Mr Imants Viesturs LIEĢIS**, Minister of Defence of Latvia  
*Latvia's Overall Vision for NATO in the Context of the Strategic Concept*
- 10:05 **Maj. Gen. Juris MAKLAKOVŠ**, Chief of Defence of Latvia  
*How a Small Country Can Contribute to Alliance Security*
- 11:10 Draft General Report  
*Afghanistan: Partnering with the Afghan National Security Forces*  
**General Rapporteur: Frank COOK (United Kingdom)**
- 11:25 **Mr Jack SEGAL**, Chief Political Advisor (POLAD) to the Commander, Joint Forces Command Brunssum  
*Can we get to 'Success' in Afghanistan?*
- 14:15 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Transatlantic Defence and Security Co-operation  
*Security at the Top of the World: Is there a role for NATO in the High North?*  
**Rapporteur: Ragnheidur ARNADOTIR (Iceland)**
- 15:30 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Future Security and Defence Capabilities  
*U.S. Non-Strategic Nuclear Weapons In Europe: A Fundamental NATO Debate*  
**Rapporteur: Raymond KNOPS (Netherlands)**

**9:15 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CIVIL DIMENSION OF SECURITY** International Exhibition Centre  
Hall C

- 9:15 **Mrs Žaneta OZOLIŅA**, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Latvia  
*Human security - addressing new dimensions*
- 10:45 **Mr Alain DELETROZ**, Vice President (Europe), International Crisis Group (ICG)  
*Central Asia: Sources of Instability and Afghan Neighbourhood*
- 12:00 Draft General Report  
*Maritime Security: NATO and EU Roles and Co-ordination*  
**General Rapporteur: Lord JOPLING (United Kingdom)**
- 14:00 Draft Special Report  
*Governance Challenges in Afghanistan*  
**Special Rapporteur: Vitalino CANAS (Portugal)**
- 15:00 Draft Report of the Sub-Committee on Democratic Governance  
*Western Balkans, 15 years after Dayton*  
**Rapporteur: Marc ANGEL (Luxembourg)**

**13:15 BOOK DONATION CAMPAIGN TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LATVIA** International Exhibition Centre  
Hall 2

**Hon. John TANNER**, President of the NATO PA  
**Mrs Vaira PAEGLE**, Head of the Latvian delegation to the NATO PA  
**Mr Andris VILKS**, Director of the National Library of Latvia

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Monday, 31 May

**8:45 JOINT PHOTO SESSION OF MEMBERS OF THE NATO PA STANDING COMMITTEE** International Exhibition Centre  
Hall A

*Photo and video opportunity. Media representatives should arrive at the venue before 8:20.*

**11:50 PRESS OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING THE NATO-RUSSIA PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING** International Exhibition Centre  
Hall A

**Hon. John TANNER**, President of the NATO PA  
**Mrs Lubov SLISKA**, Head of the Russian Federation Duma Delegation  
**Amb Alexander VERSHBOW**, US Assistant Secretary General of Defence for International Security Affairs (to be confirmed)  
**Mr Alexei PUSHKOV**, Director of the Institute of Contemporary International Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Questions and answers

**12:15** *Media departure to Jēkaba Square*

**12:30 UNVEILING OF A FLOWERBED**Jēkaba Square  
(Old Riga)

**Mr Gundars DAUDZE**, Speaker of the Parliament of Latvia  
**Hon. John TANNER**, President of the NATO PA  
*Photo and video opportunity*

Tuesday, 1 June

**9:00 PLENARY SESSION**International Exhibition Centre  
Hall A

9:00 *One minute's silence in memory of the victims of the Smolensk air accident, 10 April 2010*

9:01 **Hon. John TANNER**, President of the NATO PA

9:15 **Mr Gundars DAUDZE**, Speaker of the Parliament of Latvia

9:25 **Mr Valdis DOMBROVSKIS**, Prime Minister of Latvia

10:10 **Gen. Abdul Rahim WARDAK**, Defence Minister of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

11:10 **Mr Anders FOGH RASMUSSEN**, NATO Secretary General

12:00 **Gen. Egon RAMMS**, Commander Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum

12:45 Closure of the Plenary Sitting

*Media representatives should be in the plenary hall by 8:30.*

*Photo opportunities up to 5 minutes at the beginning of each speaker's address.*

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