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NATO One Year after Georgia: National Perspectives

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The Atlantic Council Conference Room

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Hosted by
Kurt Volker, Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council of the United States

Draft Agenda

9:30-9:35 Welcome and Introduction

Kurt Volker, Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council and Former U.S. Ambassador to NATO

9:35-10:25 Session I: Understanding Russia One Year after Georgia

“In the wake of 08/08/08, what are some perspectives of Russian foreign policy towards its Western neighbors and its willingness and capacity to use elements of national power (diplomatic, informational, military, and economic levers) to achieve them?”

Dr. Stephen Blank, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College

Angela Stent, Director, Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University

Dr. Janusz Bugajski, New European Democracies Project, CSIS

Discussion

10:25-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:25 Session II Impact and Significance of 08/08/08—National Perspectives

“What are some national perspectives of the significance of the August 2008 conflict and how it has, or has not, effected threat perception, defense planning, and security strategy?”

Sven Sakkov, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Estonian Ministry of Defence

Ian Bond, Political Counselor, Embassy of the United Kingdom

Janne Kuusela, Defense Policy Adviser, Ministry of Defense of Finland

Discussion

11:25-11:35 Break

11:35-12:30 Working Lunch/Session III: **Managing Russia and Assuring Allies**

“What are some national and Alliance perspectives of options available to engage with Russia while maintaining Alliance unity and strength? How should “assurance” of Allies and “deterrence” of Russia be considered within the forthcoming NATO Strategic Concept?”

Keith Eikenes, Defense and Security Counselor, Embassy of Norway

Sven Sakkov, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Estonian Ministry of Defence

Boyko Noev, former Minister of Defense, Bulgaria

Daniel Kostoval, Deputy Chief of Mission, Czech Republic

GEN (Ret.) John Craddock, former SACEUR

Discussion

12:30 **Concluding Remarks**