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17 November Conference Day I

11:00	Registration
11:30	Welcome by Christoph Raab, Initiator of the European Security Forum and Conference Moderator. Opening speech by the Conference President Michael Gahler MEP
12:00	Opening Keynote: Pavlo Klimkin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
12:30	Moderated Discussion on European Security Challenges Objective: This discussion should reflect the overall ambition/lead question of the conference: How can we make European Security Policy converge and more effective to face global challenges? Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sorin Enuțescu, Senior Advisor for National Security to the Prime Minister, Romania• Gerhard Jandl, Security Policy Director, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Austria• Sandra Kalniete, Vice-Chair of the EPP Group, Chair of the Working Group on Enlargement, Neighbourhood Policy and Euronest• Eduards Stiprais, Political Director, Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs• Manfred Weber MEP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament* <i>Moderator: Antonio Missiroti, Director of the European Union Institute for Security Studies; Visiting Professor, College of Europe</i>
13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30	Dimitris Avramopoulos, EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs & Citizenship
15:00	Panel I: Managing the Mediterranean Area - Challenges for European Security Policies Objective: This panel is designed to discuss challenges for European Security in the Mediterranean Area in a comprehensive way, looking at the current migration and refugee flows from a security, but also from a humanitarian perspective. From a European Union policy perspective, that has also to include the dimension of how Member States should cooperate in terms of information exchange, harmonised asylum policies and general “burden sharing”. The baseline is that all issues related to the Mediterranean area can be clearly defined as a “European” problem with a need for common policies. Concretely, the following issues could be touched during the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of the European Union Maritime Security Strategy in the Mediterranean Sea• Sea Border Protection/ Sea Border Surveillance• Implementing the Comprehensive Approach to tackle the issues within the (North-) African countries• Cooperation among Member States (Coastal Protection, Law Enforcement, Information Sharing, Satellite Images etc.)• The humanitarian aspect• Burden sharing among Member States Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vincent Cochetel, Director of the Bureau for Europe, UNHCR• Beate Gminder, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission• Prof. John M. Nomikos, Director of Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS), Greece• Gianni Pittella, Chairman of the S&D Group in the European Parliament• Dr. Matthias Ruetze, Director General, Directorate-General for Home Affairs, European Commission

	<i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Nathalie Tocci, Vice-Director of Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00	<p>Panel II: Learning from Each Other? - The Complex EU-NATO Relations</p> <p>Objective:</p> <p>One of the sub-contextual problems in defining a coherent European Security and Defence Policy has always been the complex relationship between NATO and the EU, including Non-EU/Non-NATO Members and the different tendencies of Member States favoring solutions within either NATO or EU frameworks. This should have been illustrated after all through Panel 3 during the morning session. Therefore, a sustainable long-term approach will need to sort this out. Therefore, this panel will try to address the issue and to discuss how the relationship could be redefined. Concretely, the following issues could be touched during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning from each other: Exchange of concepts and creating coherence • Discussion on the need for a European Deterrence Strategy • Application of different concepts such as the framework nation concept within the EU <p>Policy insight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Yves Boyer, Deputy Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, France <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rini Goos, Deputy Chief Executive, European Defence Agency • Dr. Hans-Dieter Heumann, President, Federal Academy for Security Policy, Germany <p><i>Moderator:</i> Prof. Julian Lindley-French, Senior Fellow, Institute of Statecraft, Director, Europa Analytica & Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, National Defence University, Washington DC</p>
18:30	Lapo Pistelli, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy
19:00	Cocktail Reception

18 November: Conference Day II

10:00	Welcome by Paolo Raffone, Chief Executive Officer, CIPI Foundation and Conference Moderator.
10:30	<p>Panel III: We Agree to Disagree - Security Perceptions in Europe</p> <p>Objective:</p> <p>Following the declarations of the German Foreign minister Dr. Steinmeier on the possibility of creating a new EU civilian mission of aid and medical workers in the light of the current Ebola crisis, this panel is going to examine the different crisis management approaches between the EU-Member States.</p> <p>It is obvious that, although the EU might be able to identify areas with a need for common action, Member States have differing perceptions of current challenges. The Panels P1 and P2 will have demonstrated this general constrain for the formulation of European interests on the first day. Therefore, this panel is designed to analyze those differences and to discuss them among national representatives of core countries. Concretely, the following issues could be touched during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis management seen from the different national perspectives • National perceptions on Security • Commonalities and differing interests • Explaining national feelings and curiosities • Harmonising national debates <p>Policy insight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Stephan Keukeleire, Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Leuven, and Visiting Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe <p>Speakers:</p>

- Arnaud Danjean, MEP, Vice-Chairman of the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- Daniel Keohane, Research Director, FRIDE
- Riccardo Migliori, MP, Special Advisor at the OSCE, Former President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Italy
- Sergejs Potapkins, Member of the Parliament, Latvia
- Dr. Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO; Visiting Professor, College of Europe

Moderator: Jean-Dominique Giuliani, President of the Robert Schuman Foundation

12:00

Lunch

13:30

Panel IV: Recasting European Security Policy—European Political Response to the Ukrainian Crisis

Objective:

The core issue of this panel will be the question, which consequences Europe has to draw from the political changes in the context of the Ukraine Crisis. This refers to the general perception of Russia as either a partner or a potential enemy. Redefining our relationship to Russia automatically leads to the question which consequences this might cause for our policies, including the Eastern Partnership Policy, our current military doctrine, the possible need for a European Deterrence and finally, what all of this means for the further development of CSDP and the future role of NATO. Concretely, the following issues could be touched during the discussion:

- Do we need to consider Russia a strategic threat again and what does it mean for our military planning?
- Implications for our Eastern Partnership Policy
- What consequences does this have for European Security Policy? Should we strengthen CSDP or should we focus again on NATO?
- Do we need a European Army?
- Do we need to invest more in Security and Defence?

Policy insight:

- Elmar Brok, MEP, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

Speakers:

- Vladimir Chizhov, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the EU
- Bogdan Klich, Senator, Poland
- Prof. Igor Nikolaevich Koval, Rector, Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University, Ukraine
- General Patrick De Rousiers, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee
- Robert Walter, MP, British Parliament, United Kingdom

Moderator: Janusz Reiter, Ambassador, Chairman of the Foundation Board, Centre for International Relations, Poland

15:00

Coffee Break

15:30

Michel Barnier, Former Vice President of the European Commission for Internal Market and Services

16:00

Panel V: Making CSDP Concrete - A Work Plan for the Next Legislative Period

Objective:

After having discussed several policy issues as well as having addressed the different views among Member States throughout the first parts of the programme, this panel is supposed to make concrete proposals, how the European Union should proceed within the next five years. This discussion has also to be seen against the background of the tasking defined by the December 2013 Council and the upcoming Council in 2015.

- What has been achieved since December 2013 (Council tasking) and what needs to be done?
- What can we expect in view of the Council in June 2015?
- What will the new Commission do on Security and Defence? Will they strengthen their role; pushing forward the Market for Security and Defence?
- Pilot Projects and new initiatives

Policy insight:

- Claude France Arnould, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency

Speakers:

- Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General, Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
- Brig. Gen. Jo Coelmont, Senior Associate Fellow, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations, Belgium
- Dr. Christian Ehler, MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EP's Subcommittee on Security and Defence
- Michael Langer, Vice President External Affairs EU-NATO, Head of the Diehl Representation Brussels, Diehl Stiftung & Co. KG

Moderator: Stefani Weiss, Director, Europe's Future Programme, Brussels Office, Bertelsmann Stiftung

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