



NATO Presence in Afghanistan: Romanian Contribution to the Global Peace and Security

Central House of the Army, Iasi, 25-26 February 2008

General background: The Conference will last for 2 days; each day will begin with a plenary session illustrated by films from Afghanistan and also by military heroes who were present on the ground.

24 of February 2008

Arrival of the participants

20.00 *Reception offered by the Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs*

25 of February 2008

9.00-9.30 Accreditation

9.30-10.00 Opening remarks

- Iulian Chifu, Director CPCEW
- Corneliu Dobritoiu, Secretary of State, Ministry of Defense
- Jan Gavrilă, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10.00-11.30 Plenary Session: 20 minutes movie presentation of the Romanian military activities in Afghanistan, stories of the operations and pictures of daily life.

The participants in the operations present at Conference will speak directly, and they will also answer the questions of the other participants.

Moderator: G-ral Sergiu Medar

- Col. Nicolae Ciuca, Ministry of Defense, Participant in the Afghanistan theatre
- Mr. Ovidiu Uifaleanu, Ministry of Defense, Participant in the Afghanistan theatre

11.30-11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45-13.00 Session One: NATO Operations for Security and Peace Support: Progress and Challenges

Moderator and presentation: Corneliu Dobritoiu, Secretary of State, Minister of Defense

- Raduta Matache, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- G-ral Mr. Iordache Olaru, Ministry of Defense, Strategic Planning Division
- Daniel Korski, Senior Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations
- Cornel Codita, Center of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning
- Lect. dr. Bogdan Stefanachi, Political Sciences, Iasi University

13.00-15.00 *Lunch*

15.00-16.30 Session Two: International Security, NATO and Afghanistan. Why Romania Matters

Moderator: Kate Clouston, Royal United Services Institute

- Dr Adam Cobb, University of Cambridge & US Air War College
- Lt. Col. Tracey M. Meck, USAF, Policies and Programs Branch Joint Security Office, HQ USCENTCOM.
- Claudiu Saftoiu , Former Adviser of the President
- Ionuț Apahideanu, Strategikon
- Catalin Turliuc, Professor, "A. I. Cuza." University , Iasi

16.30-16.45 *Coffee break*

16.45-18.45 Session Three: Global NATO: An Alliance to Meet Future Challenges?

Moderator: Paul Cornish, Chatham House

- Daniele Riggio, NATO, Public Diplomacy Division
- Daniel Ioniță, Director, NATO Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Răzvan Ionescu, EuroAtlantic Council Romania
- Camelia Varvara, EuroAtlantic Council Romania
- Bogdan Rădulescu, New European Civilization Foundation
- George Poede, Dean Political Sciences Faculty, Iasi

20.00 *Reception offered by the local administration*

26 of February 2008

9.00-10.30 **Life in Afghanistan before and after the Taliban**

Moderator: Iulian Chifu, director CPCEW

- Journalist: Oana Popescu
- Lavinia Gavrilă, Senior lecturer, Air Forces Academy "Henry Coanda" Brasov, Romania

Twenty minutes movie presentation of the Romanian military relationship with the local population in Afghanistan, stories and local people interviews for the three stages of the relations with Talibans and insurgents to be covered.

10.30-11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00-12.30 Session Four: NATO's Role in the International Order: Building Ever Stronger Regional and Global Relationships

Moderator: John Hemmings, Royal United Services Institute

- Stefano Stefanini, Ambassador of Italy to NATO
- Dr Henning Riecke, European Programme, Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Auswaertiges Politik
- Lt. cdor. Laurentiu Mesterca, Ministry of Defense, Expert in the Department for Defense Policy and Planning
- Hari Bucur Marcu, National School of Political and Administrative Studies

12.30-13.00 Closing remarks

- Cornel Codita, director of programs, Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warnings
- Sergiu Medar, director of programs, Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warnings

13.00-15.00 *Lunch*

15.00-18.00 **Cultural event in Iasi**

20.00 *Dinner*

Final note: The conference working language is English. Translation from English to Romanian will be provided during the entire conference.