



PROGRAMME

UKRAINE: A EURO-ATLANTIC VOCATION?

Thursday 7 – Sunday 10 September 2006

818th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

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What impact from the results of the general election held in Ukraine after the *Orange Revolution*? What prospects for further economic and social reform? What role for civil society and the media? What are Ukraine's security priorities? How do Ukrainian commentators and politicians see relations evolving with the European Union? What role for Ukraine in the region? What prospects for the recently established political *cohabitation*?

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

1300-1430 Buffet lunch available

1500 **Welcome to Wilton Park**
Adela GOOCH
Programme Director, Transitional States, Wilton Park, Steyning

1515-1630 1 **SESSION 1**
UKRAINE IN THE WORLD: STRENGTHENING RELATIONS
Anthony SMITH
Director, European Political Affairs, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1630 Photograph and Tea

1715-1845 2 **SESSION 2**
BUILDING PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY: PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS
Nat COPSEY
Associate Tutor, Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex, Brighton

Pavol DEMES
Director for Central and Eastern Europe, German Marshall Fund, Bratislava

Vladislav KASKIV
Chairman, Political Council of *Pora* Civic Party, Kiev

1900 Drinks Reception

1945 Dinner

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

0900-1030 3 **SESSION 3**
UKRAINE AND NATO: WHAT PROSPECTS FOR INTEGRATION?
George KATSIRDAKIS
Head of Defence Cooperation, NATO, Brussels

Leonid KOZHARA

People's Deputy of Ukraine, Party of the Regions, Kiev
James SHERR
Fellow, Conflict Studies Research Centre, Defence Academy of the UK, Swindon

DISCUSSANT: James MACDOUGALL
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Defence, Washington D.C.

1030 Coffee

1100-1245 4 **SESSION 4**
UKRAINE AND EUROPE: CONVERGING PATHS?
Chair: **Rolf WELBERTS**
Head of Department for Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Federal Foreign Ministry, Berlin

Volodymyr KHANDOGIY
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Kiev

Hryhoriy NEMYRIA
People's Deputy of Ukraine, Kiev

Pirkka TAPIOLA
Senior Adviser, Policy Unit, Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels

DISCUSSANT: Marek ZIOLKOWSKI
Deputy Director, Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw

1300 Lunch

1500-1630 5 **SESSION 5**
RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND THE CIS: WHAT ROLE FOR UKRAINE IN THE REGION?
Anatoliy OREL
Senior Foreign Policy Adviser, Government of Ukraine, Kiev

Yury FEDOROV
Principal Research Fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London; Director, Centre for War and Peace Studies, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Moscow

Vladimir SEREGIN
Head, European Co-Operation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow

DISCUSSANT: Valeriu PLESCA
Defence Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

1630 Tea

1700-1830 6 **SESSION 6**

Working Groups

DEVELOPING THE PRIVATE SECTOR
Olena BEY
Director, Business Support Centre NewBizNet, Lviv

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM: PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS
Janet GUNN
Independent Analyst, Central and Eastern Europe, London

THE UN BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION REPORT ON UKRAINIAN REFORMS
Frank O'DONNELL
Resident Co-ordinator, United Nations, Kiev

WHAT ROLE FOR NGOs?

Igor POPOV

Chairman, Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Kiev

1845 Drinks Reception

1915 Dinner

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

0915-1100

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SESSION 7

THE ECONOMY: PLANS AND POSSIBILITIES

Rudiger AHREND

Senior Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development, Paris

Igor BURAKOVSKY

Director, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kiev

1100 Coffee

1130-1230

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SESSION 8

Working Group feedback

1300 Lunch

1530 - 1700

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SESSION 9

CLOSING SESSION: LOOKING AHEAD

Chair: Adam NOBLE

Chief Executive, Wilton Park, Steyning

Ihor KHARCHENKO

Ambassador of Ukraine, London

Tim BARROW

Ambassador to Ukraine, Kiev

1815 Drinks Reception

1900 Conference Dinner

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

0915

Participants depart