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870th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

Monday 24 – Thursday 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

ENERGY SECURITY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: THE EASTERN AND BALTIC DIMENSION

speakers confirmed (* = to be confirmed)

How do relations with Russia impact upon Europe's energy security? What do oil and gas price volatility, growing demand from China and India, vulnerability of supplies and infrastructure, and uncertainty over future Russian energy policy mean for the security of Europe's energy supplies? Does climate change make the search for energy alternatives more urgent? How can a common EU internal and external energy policy help meet national needs? Can unbundling and competition contribute to energy security? What responsibilities do EU governments need to retain?

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

1500-1800
1900

Participants Arrive

Reception and Buffet Dinner hosted by Ambassador **Richard MOON**, British Embassy

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

0900-0915

Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Nick HOPKINSON

Director, Wilton Park

Ambassador Gints JEGERMANIS

Head, Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Riga

0915-1045

1 MEMBER STATE ENERGY SECURITY PRIORITIES: LATVIAN AND UK PERSPECTIVES

Ilga PREIMATE

Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Riga

Tim ABRAHAM

Director, European Union Energy Policy, Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform, London

1130-1245

2 WHAT IS THE EU COMMISSION DOING TO REFLECT MEMBER STATE PRIORITIES AND FOSTER A COMMON EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY?

Andris KESTERIS

Head, Cabinet of Energy Commissioner Piebalgs, European Commission, Brussels

1400-1515

3 RUSSIA AND THE EU: TOWARDS A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ENERGY PARTNERSHIP?

Dr Maria BELOVA

Senior Expert, Energy Department, Institute for Energy and Finance, Moscow

1530-1645

4 HOW ARE CHINA, INDIA AND OTHER EMERGING ECONOMIES AFFECTING GLOBAL DEMAND FOR ENERGY FROM RUSSIA AND ELSEWHERE?

Stefan LIEBING

Regional Adviser Russia, Corporate Affairs, Shell International, The Hague

Professor YANG Guang

Director-General, Institute for West Asian and Africa Studies, China Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

1645-1715
1745-1900

5 PRESENTATION OF KEY THEMES TO PLENARY FOLLOWED BY BREAKOUT GROUPS

a The Baltic States and the Baltic Sea as 'Energy Islands' and Transit Routes

Dr Kārlis MIKELSONS

Chairman of the Board, Latvenergo AS, Riga

b How Are Private Sector Actors Affecting EU-Russia Energy Relations?

Dr Vitaly MERKUSHEV

Director and Co-Founder, Eurasian Political Studies Network, Moscow

c NATO and Energy Security: How Can the Risk and Impact of Attacks be Minimised?

Dr Andrew MONAGHAN
Director, The Russia Research Network Ltd, London

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

- 0915-0930 **6 BRIEF THREE MINUTE REPORTS FROM SESSION 5 BREAK OUT GROUPS**
- 0930-1045 **7 BUILDING A MORE INTEGRATED EU ENERGY MARKET: CAN UNBUNDLING, REGULATION AND MORE COMPETITION FACILITATE ENERGY SECURITY?**
Jacques-André TROESCH
Commissioner, Electricity Regulation Commission; Chief Counsellor, Court of Audit and Accounts, Paris
- 1115-1230 **8 WHAT ROLES DO RUSSIA AND TURKEY PLAY AS ‘GATEKEEPERS’ TO EU ACCESS TO CENTRAL ASIAN ENERGY?**
John ROBERTS
Energy Security Specialist, Platts, Edinburgh
- 1345-1445 **9 WHAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND POLITICALLY REALISTIC BALANCE BETWEEN NATIONAL AND EU RESPONSES (I)?**
Ambassador Matti ANTONEN
Energy Co-ordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Helsinki
- 1445-1515 **10 PRESENTATION OF KEY THEMES TO PLENARY FOLLOWED BY TEA AND BREAK OUT GROUPS**
- 1545-1700 **a The Role of Energy in Russian Foreign Policy**
Dr Konstantin SIMONOV
General Director, National Energy Security Fund, Moscow
- b The Future of Energy Transit Through Central Europe**
Pawel KONZAL
Director, Representative Office to the European Union, Polish Oil and Gas Company, Brussels
- c The Future of Energy Transit Through South Eastern Europe**
Ambassador Ilian VASSILEV
Senior Fellow, Energy Security Project, Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD);
Chairman, Deloitte Bulgaria, Sofia

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

- 0900-0915 **11 BRIEF THREE MINUTE REPORTS FROM SESSION 10 BREAK OUT GROUPS**
- 0915-1045 **12 TO WHAT EXTENT CAN NUCLEAR AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES REDUCE THE EU’S ENERGY DEPENDENCE AND HELP ARREST CLIMATE CHANGE?**
Jean-Pol PONCELET
Senior Vice-President, New Energies Policy; Senior Adviser to Chief Executive Officer, AREVA, Paris; former Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Energy Minister
- 1115-1245 **13 WHAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND POLITICALLY REALISTIC BALANCE BETWEEN NATIONAL AND EU RESPONSES (II)?**
Jean LAMY
Sub-Director, Transport, Energy and Infrastructures, Economic Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris
- Professor Alan RILEY**
City Law School, City University, London
- 1245-1300 **14 CONCLUDING REMARKS**
- 1400 Participants Depart

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