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915th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

Monday 2 - Thursday 5 JUNE 2008

THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE BLACK SEA NEIGHBOURHOOD

MONDAY 2 JUNE

1000-1645 Registration at Hotel

1200 Lunch at Hotel

1645-1700 **Introduction to the Conference**
Nick HOPKINSON
Director, Wilton Park
HM Ambassador Denis KEEFE
British Embassy, Tbilisi

1700-1830 **1 THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE BLACK SEA NEIGHBOURHOOD**
Eka TKESHELASHVILI
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Tbilisi
Giorgi BARAMIDZE
Vice Prime Minister; State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Tbilisi
Discussant: Sir Brian FALL
UK Government Special Representative for the South Caucasus, London

TUESDAY 3 JUNE

Morning Chair: Denis CORBOY, Director, Caucasus Policy Institute, King's College, University of London

0900-0945 **2 HOW BEST TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS? (I)**
Temur IAKOBASVILI
State Minister for Reintegration Issues, Tbilisi

0945-1100 **3 THE EU'S NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY: WHERE IS PARTICULAR PROGRESS IN EU ACTION PLANS NEEDED? (I)**
Hugues MINGARELLI
Deputy Director-General, European Neighbourhood Policy Co-ordination, External Relations Directorate General, European Commission, Brussels
Dr Tamar BERUCHASHVILI
Deputy State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Tbilisi

1130-1300 **4 THE EU'S NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY: WHERE IS PARTICULAR PROGRESS IN EU ACTION PLANS NEEDED? (II)**
Mahmud Ahmed Oglu MAMMAD-GULIYEV
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baku
Ambassador Dr Arman KIRAKOSSIAN
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yerevan
Valeriu OSTALEP
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Chisinau

1430-1515 **5 PRESENTATION OF KEY THEMES TO PLENARY FOLLOWED BY BREAK OUT GROUPS CHAIRED BY THE SPEAKERS**

1515-1630 **a How Can Freer Trade and Approximation with the Economic Acquis be Achieved?**
Ambassador Dr Rudolf LENNKH
Director General, European Integration and Economic Affairs, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Vienna

- b Ensuring Good Governance and Sound Public Administration**
David USUPASHVILI
Chairman, Republican Party of Georgia, Tbilisi
- c Prospects for Conflict Resolution in South Ossetia**
Ambassador Terhi HAKALA
Head of Mission, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Tbilisi
- d Improving Implementation of the EU Action Plans**
Mark MULLEN
Chair, Transparency International Georgia, London

- 1700-1830 **6 THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLACK SEA AREA AS A TRANSIT ROUTE FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE ENERGY DEMAND**
Hugh McDOWELL
General Manager, BP Georgia, Tbilisi
Professor Dr Hüseyin BAGCI
Professor, Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
Giorgi VASHAKMADZE
Director, Corporate Development, GUEU-White Stream Pipeline Company Ltd, London

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE

Day Chair: Sir Brian FALL, UK Special Representative for the South Caucasus, London

- 0900-0915 **7 BRIEF 3 MINUTE REPORTS FROM TUESDAY BREAK OUT GROUPS TO PLENARY**
- 0915-1100 **8 HOW BEST TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS? (II)**
Ambassador Dr Arman KIRAKOSSIAN
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Yerevan
Araz AZIMOV
Deputy Minister of Foreign, Baku
Andrei KELIN
Director, 4th Department (CIS/South Caucasus), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow
- 1130-1200 **9 PRESENTATION OF KEY THEMES TO PLENARY FOLLOWED BY BREAK OUT GROUPS CHAIRED BY THE SPEAKERS**
- 1200-1315 **a Russia as a Regional Actor**
Dr Hannes ADOMEIT
Professor of Advanced European Studies, College of Europe – Natolin, Warsaw
- b Prospects for Conflict Resolution in Nagorno Karabakh?**
Dennis SAMMUT
Director, LINKS, London
- c Prospects for Conflict Resolution in Abkhazia**
Dr Svante CORNELL
Research Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Joint Centre (ISDP), Stockholm
- 1515-1530 **10 BRIEF 3 MINUTE REPORTS FROM BREAK OUT GROUPS TO PLENARY**
- 1530-1700 **11 PROSPECTS FOR CLOSER INTEGRATION OF THE BLACK SEA NEIGHBOURHOOD WITH THE EU AND THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY**
Ambassador John TEFFT
Embassy of the United States of America, Tbilisi
Ambassador Sergiu CELAC
Senior Adviser, National Centre for Sustainable Development, UNDP Romania; former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest
- 1700-1730 **12 CONCLUDING PANEL WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS**
- 1830 Participants Depart for Dinner
Address: Nikoloz VASHAKIDZE
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Tbilisi

THURSDAY 5 JUNE

- 1200 Check out and Participants depart