PROGRAMME
SOUTH CAUCASUS:
PERCEPTIONS AND CHALLENGES OF THE REGION
(held in Armenia)

Monday 6 – Friday 10 November 2006

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

What are the special challenges and opportunities of the region, located at the crossroads between the East and the West? What has been learnt from fifteen years of independence? Which economic policies by Governments, business and international financial institutions are needed to encourage growth, investment and good governance? How can policies on issues including economic integration, energy and transport help to build a new region in an evolving neighbourhood? How can confidence-building measures and open borders contribute to better understanding? What is the path to European integration in a region without conflicts?

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER
1930 for
2000
Informal Reception/Welcome Dinner
Hosted by
The Republic of Armenia Ministry of Foreign Affairs

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER
0930
INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE
Vartan OSKANIAN
Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Armenia, Yerevan
Roger WILLIAMSON
Programme Director, Sustainable Development, Wilton Park, Steyning

0945-1100
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LESSONS FROM FIFTEEN YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE
ARMENIAN EXPERIENCE
Vartan OSKANIAN
Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Armenia, Yerevan

GEORGIAN EXPERIENCE
George MANJGALADZE
Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tbilisi

AZERBAIJAN – A RESEARCHER’S PERSPECTIVE
Ilgar MAMMADOV
Director of the Baku Political Research and Advocacy Institute, Baku

1100-1145
Tea and Coffee and Conference Photograph
PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THE REGION: REALISTIC PLAN OR ELUSIVE DREAM?
Brian FALL
UK Government Special Representative for South Caucasus, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

POST-SOVET DEMOCRATIZATION: THE TRANSFORMATION EXPERIENCE
Armen DARBINYAN
Former Prime Minister of Armenia, Yerevan

INTEGRATION OF THE WIDER REGION

THE NORMALISATION OF TURKISH-ARMENIAN RELATIONS: CHALLENGE FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE
Burcu GÜLTEKIN
Research Fellow, Center for European Studies, Turkish-Armenian Business Development Council, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE REGION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF RUSSIA
Andrei KELIN
Director, Department IV CIS/South Caucasus, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE REGION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Carey CAVANAUGH
Director, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky, Lexington

INTERSTATE RELATIONSHIPS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION – PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS
Vladimir KAZIMIROV
Ambassador; Vice President Association of Russian Diplomats, Moscow
Anna MATVEEVA
Associate Fellow, Crisis States Research Centre, Development Studies Institute, London School of Economics; formerly UNDP Regional Advisor on Peace and Development for Central Asia

LESSONS OF ECONOMIC TRANSITION AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTHERN CAUCASUS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND COOPERATION
Thomas WEISS
Regional Representative, Regional Office for the Nordic and Baltic States, and the European Neighbourhood countries (East), International Organization for Migration, Helsinki

ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
Michael WEINSTEIN
Head of Resident Office, Southern and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Yerevan
1000-1130  
**TOWARDS A REGION WITHOUT CONFLICTS**  
Andrzej KASPRZYK  
Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna  
Jonathan COHEN  
Co-Director, Caucasus Programme, Conciliation Resources, London  
Tevan POGHOSYAN  
Executive Director, International Centre for Human Development, Yerevan

1130-1200  
Coffee and Tea

1200-1315  
**WHAT IS THE COST IF CONFLICTS ARE NOT RESOLVED? WHAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN?**  
Dov LYNCH  
Senior Adviser to the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna  
Phil CHAMPAIN  
Director of Programmes (Asia, Caucasus), International Alert, London  
Dennis SAMMUT  
Executive Director, LINKS, London

1315  
Lunch

1430  
Excursion (Optional) A city tour and a visit to the Holy See, St Etchmiadzin

1930  
Dinner (for participants staying at the Marriott hotel only)

**THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

0900-1000  
**SOUTH CAUCASUS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST: A REGION AT THE CROSSROADS OF CULTURES**  
Jivan TABIBIAN  
Head of Armenian Delegation to Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna

1000-1100  
**THE “NEW GREAT GAME” AND THE SOUTH CAUCASUS**  
Heikki TALVITIE  
Former European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus; Former Finnish Ambassador to Sweden, Helsinki

1100-1130  
Coffee and Tea

1130-1245  
**ENERGY SECURITY: PROSPECTS TO 2030**  
TOWARDS ENSURING ENERGY SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ARMENIA.  
Areg GALSTYAN  
Deputy Minister of Energy, Ministry of Energy, Republic of Armenia, Yerevan  
John ROBERTS  
Energy Security Specialist, Platts Energy Group, Jedburgh

1245-1430  
Lunch

1430-1600  
**ASPIRATIONS AND PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**  
Armen BAIBOURDIAN  
Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Armenia, Yerevan  
Terhi HAKALA  
Ambassador to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland
Bojana URMUOVA  
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Office, Yerevan

1600-1630  
Coffee and Tea

1630 -1800  15  PANEL: A VISION FOR THE REGION

Irakli MENAGHARISHVILI  
Director, The Strategic Research Centre, Tbilisi

Zohrab MNATSAKANIAN  
Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations and other International Organisations, Geneva

1800-1830  16  FINAL REFLECTIONS

Carey CAVANAUGH  
Director, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky, Lexington

Vahe GABRIELYAN  
Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Armenia, London

1830-1930  
Interval for Changing

2000  
Conference Dinner (by invitation – for full conference participants only)

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER

0900  
Participants Depart