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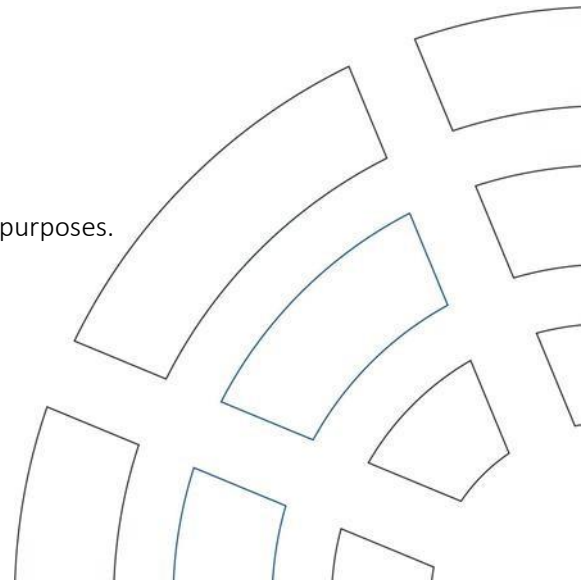
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## MONDAY 4 DECEMBER – WASHINGTON, D.C.

Venue Lincoln Hall Auditorium, National Defense University (NDU)

### INTRODUCTION WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

10:10 Lt Gen [Michael T. Plehn](#), President of the National Defense University  
[Michal Szczerba](#) (Poland), President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly  
[Jenna Ben-Yehuda](#), Executive Vice-President of the Atlantic Council

### SESSION 1 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Moderator: Michal Szczerba (Poland), President of the NATO PA

10:30 **The state of the Transatlantic relationship after the Vilnius Summit**  
[Yuri Kim](#), Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

### SESSION 2 UPDATE ON RUSSIA'S WAR AND US MILITARY SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Moderator: Nicu Falcoi (Romania), Vice-President of the NATO PA

11:15 **Assessing the Battlefield in Ukraine: Trends and Prospects**  
[Dara Massicot](#), Senior fellow, Russia and Eurasia Program, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**US Administration support for the Ukrainian War effort**  
[Laura K. Cooper](#), Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Defense (to be confirmed)

### SESSION 3 IMPACT OF THE WAR ON RUSSIA

Moderator: Nicu Falcoi (Romania), Vice-President of the NATO PA

12:15 **Where is Putin's War Leading Russia**  
[Andrea Kendall-Taylor](#), Senior Fellow and Director of the Transatlantic Security Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS)

**Assessing the Impact of Sanctions on Russia's Economy and on the Kremlin Calculations**  
[Dan Fried](#), Weiser Family Distinguished Fellow, Former US Ambassador to Poland, the Atlantic Council

13:15 – 14:00 Lunch break

### SESSION 4 NATO'S EXPECTATIONS AT THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT

14:00 Benedetta Berti, Head of Policy Planning, Office of the NATO Secretary General

**SESSION 5**                    **ASSISTING UKRAINE'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY & RECONSTRUCTION**

Moderator: Benedetta Berti, Head of Policy Planning, Office of the NATO Secretary General

14:15                    **US Approaches to Ukraine's Economic Recovery**  
Tyson Barker, Senior Advisor, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Reconstructing for a Freer, More Prosperous and Secure Ukraine**  
[Howard J. Shatz](#), Senior Economist, the RAND Corporation

15:15 – 15:30            Coffee Break

**SESSION 6**                    **CHINA AND ASIA**

Moderator: Kevan Jones (United Kingdom), Vice-President of the NATO PA

15:30                    **Recalibrating the US Relationship with China: Security, Diplomatic and Economic Implications**  
[Daniel J. Kritenbrink](#), Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**US Policy Options and Alliances in the Asia-Pacific**  
[Dan Blumenthal](#), Senior Fellow, the American Enterprise Institute

17:00                    Departure by bus to the hotel

Evening                    Free

**TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER – WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Venue                    Lincoln Hall Auditorium, National Defense University (NDU)

**SESSION 7**                    **NATO AND US DEFENCE POLICY**

Moderator: [Josie Brodfuehrer](#), Assistant Director, Transatlantic Security Initiative, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, the Atlantic Council

08:45                    **Shoring up NATO's Defence Posture: NATO Transformation from Vilnius to Washington**  
Mark Jones, Director for NATO Policy, U.S. Department of Defense

**SESSION 8**                    **THE MIDDLE EAST**

Moderator: Theo Francken (Belgium), Vice-President of the NATO PA

09:30                    **The United States and Changing Geopolitical Alignments in the Middle East**  
[Jon B. Alterman](#), Senior Vice President, Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair in Global Security and Geostrategy, and Director, Middle East Program, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

**The Long-term Implications of the War in Gaza**

[Matthew Levitt](#), Fromer-Wexler Fellow, Director, Jeanette and Eli Reinhard Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

10:45 Coffee Break

**SESSION 9 VIEWS FROM CONGRESS ON THE STATE OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS**

Moderator: Michael R. Turner, Head of the US Delegation to the NATO PA

11:00 **Congressional Panel**

12:00 Lunch break

**SESSION 10 BUILDING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE: A SHARED CHALLENGE TO THE TRANSATLANTIC COMMUNITY**

13:00 **Ojars Kalnins lecture**

[Damon Wilson](#), President and CEO, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

Moderator: Michal Szczerba (Poland), President of the NATO PA

13:15 **Reinforcing Democratic Resilience: A Priority for NATO and NATO Allies**

[Damon Wilson](#), President and CEO, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

[Jonathan Katz](#), Senior Director, Anti-Corruption, Democracy, and Security, The Brookings Institution

**SESSION 11 SWEDEN'S FUTURE ROLE IN THE ALLIANCE**

Moderator: Michal Szczerba (Poland), President of the NATO PA

14:10 [Pål Jonson](#), Minister for Defence of Sweden

14:40 – 15:00 Coffee Break

**SESSION 12 DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL AND BUDGET CHALLENGES**

Moderator: [Kathryn Levantovskaia](#), Associate Director, Forward Defense, Swowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, the Atlantic Council

15:00 **Increasing Readiness, Enabling Allied Forces and Supporting Ukraine: The Defence Industrial Angle**

[Cynthia Cook](#), Director of the Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group and Senior Fellow in the International Security Program, The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

SESSION 13

US DEFENCE: LONG-TERM PRIORITIES AND STRATEGY

Moderator: Marcos Perestrello (Portugal), Vice-President of the NATO PA

15:45

[Jessica Lewis](#), Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State

SESSION 14

WRAP-UP SESSION

16:30

[Lisa Aronsson](#), Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic Research (CSR), National Defense University

[Leo Michel](#), Non-resident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security Transatlantic Security Initiative, the Atlantic Council

Concluding remarks by Marcos Perestrello (Portugal), Vice-President of the NATO PA

17:15

Departure by bus to the hotel

Evening

Free

**WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER – ANNAPOLIS - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

08:00

Departure by bus

09:15

Arrival at the US Naval Academy

Greeting by Commandant Colonel [James P. McDonough](#), USMC in the Rotunda

Briefing

END OF PROGRAMME