AGENDA

ARMS CONTROL SYMPOSIUM

Co-organized with
Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Albania, Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany, German Federal Foreign Office and German Institute for International and Security Affairs

21 - 23 NOVEMBER 2011, TIRANA, ALBANIA

Day 1: 21 November 2011

Arrival day

19.00 – 20.00 Dinner / informal gathering at the Hotel “Tirana International”

Day 2: 22 November 2011

08.30 – 08.50 Transport from the Hotel “Tirana International” to the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC).

09.00 – 09.40 Symposium Opening – Welcome Address

- LtCol Stefan Miene, RACVIAC’s Programme Manager,
- Ambassador Nikola Todorčevski, Director of RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation,
- H.E. Mr. Eugen Wollfarth, Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania,
- Mr. Arjan Starova, Albanian Deputy Minister of Defence,
- Mr. Arben Imami, Albanian Minister of Defence;


- Mr. James Cox, Senior Military Analyst, US,
- Mr. Wolfgang Richter (SWP);

10.55 – 11.10 Group Photo /Coffee break

11.10 – 12.10 Introduction to the current Arms Control Treaties and Agreements.

- Mr. Fred C. Parker, Head of Arms Control & Coordination Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO. CFE Treaty – history, status, content and implementation,
- LtCol Kosta Ligori, Head of Arms Control Section, Albanian Ministry of Defence, Vienna Document – history, status, content and implementation,
- Capt Zsolt Zsivkó, Officer for Arms Control/Open skies section, Hungarian Ministry of Defence. Open Skies – history, status, content and implementation;
12.10 – 13.10 Military aspects of the application of existing treaties in the interest of international stability - platform for creating a climate of security and mutual trust.

- LtCol Andreas Nehring, FueS III 5, German Ministry of Defence;

13.10 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.00 Further developments of goal-oriented OSCE commitments for tackling transnational threats.

- Mr. Guy Vinet, Head of Security Cooperation Department, OSCE Presence in Albania;

15.00 – 15.30 Perspectives of Conventional Arms Control in Europe after the CFE Review Conference.

- Mr. Bernd REINDL, Deputy Head of Division for Conventional Disarmament and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office;

15.30 – 15.45 Dayton Art. IV and V and their role in the security and stability in South Eastern Europe.

- LtCol Branislav Drobac, Officer for analytical planning, Verification Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina;

15.45 – 16.00 Efforts to reduce military arsenals - significant contribution to peace, security and mutual trust in South-eastern Europe

- Mr. Arjan Starova, Deputy Minister of the Albanian Ministry of Defence;

16.00 Transport to hotel.

Free time

19.00 Transport to restaurant “Gjeli”

19.30 – 21.30 Welcome Dinner

**Day 3: 23 November 2011**

08.30 – 08.50 Transport from Hotel “Tirana International” to the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC)

09.00 – 10.15 Podium Discussion: Conventional Arms Control in crisis: Closure or the necessity for a new beginning? Do we need Conventional Arms Control in the future? What are the challenges?

- Moderator Mr. Wolfgang Richter and all the speakers of the previous day;

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.00 The role of Conventional Arms Control in South Eastern Europe.

- Moderator Mr. Wolfgang Richter and all the speakers of the previous day,
- Closing remarks;

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 Departures