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HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE

AFGHANISTAN AND CENTRAL ASIA: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF NATO/ISAF FORCES

**18 December 2013,
09:00 - 15:30
European Parliament
Brussels
Room: József Antall Building - JAN 4Q1**

Draft Programme

HIGH LEVEL OPENING

- 09:00 Chair's introductory remarks by Mr. **Elmar Brok**,
Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- 09:05 Conference Opening by Mr. **Ershad Ahmadi**,
Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of Political Affairs, Islamic Republic of
Afghanistan
- 09:15 Key note speech by Ambassador Mr. **Stephen Evans**,
Assistant Secretary General for Operations of the North Atlantic Treaty
Organization (NATO)
- 09:25 European Union perspective by Mr. **Pierre Vimont**,
Executive Secretary General, European External Action Service (EEAS)

POST-2014 AFGHANISTAN (Chair: Mr Thijs Berman)

09:35 Mr **Thijs Berman**, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan

PART I: EU-Afghanistan relations

09:40 Mr **Franz-Michael Skjold Mellbin**, Head of EU Delegation/ EUSR for Afghanistan

09:50 Prof **Steven Blockmans**, Senior Research Fellow & Head of the EU Foreign Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) / Prof of EU External Relations Law and Governance, Univ. of Amsterdam: "*Assessment of EU support to Afghanistan for the last decade and lessons learnt for the future*"

10:00-10:25 Q&A session

PART II: Democracy, governance, human rights, stability and reconciliation

10:25 Mr **Hekmat Khalil Karzai**, Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies, Director: *Peace and reconciliation*

10:35 Dr **Saeed Parto**, Director, Afghanistan Public Policy Research Organization (APPRO)

10:45 Ms **Rachel Reid**, Director, Open Society Foundations, Regional Policy Initiative, and Senior Policy Advisor, Afghanistan and Pakistan: *Women's rights*

10:55-11:20 Q&A session

PART III: Development challenges

11:20 Ms **Eva Joly**, Chair, Committee on Development

11:25 Ms **Claudia Nassif**, Senior Country Economist for Afghanistan, World Bank

11:35 Mr **Michael Keating**, Senior Consulting Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs

11:45-12:05 Q&A session

*Light buffet lunch offered outside the venue by Mr. **Jacek Protasiewicz**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, on behalf of Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, on the occasion of the High Level Conference on Afghanistan and Central Asia*

IMPACT ON CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES (Chair: Mr Paolo Bartolozzi)

13:30 Mr **Paolo Bartolozzi**, Chair of the Delegation to Central Asia

PART I: Central Asian perspectives

13:35 H.E. Mr **Kakadjan Mommadov**, Ambassador of Turkmenistan

13:40 H.E. Dr. **Soliev Rustamjon Abdulloevich**, Ambassador of Tajikistan

13:45 H.E. Mr. **Vladimir Norov**, Ambassador of Uzbekistan

13:50 H.E. Mr. **Almaz Khamzayev**, Ambassador of Kazakhstan

13:55 Mr. **Asein Isayev**, Charge d'affaires, the Kyrgyz Republic

14:00-14:20 Q&A session

PART II: Regional security and stability

14:20 Ms **Patricia Flor**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

14:30 Mr **James Appathurai**, NATO Special Representative for Caucasus and Central Asia

14:40 Ambassador Dr **Beate Maeder-Metcalf**, Vice President and Director of Regional Security, EastWest Institute

14:50 Mr **Jos Boonstra**, EUCAM Director/ Senior Researcher, FRIDE / Ms **Marlène Laruelle**, Director of the Central Asia Program (CAP) of the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES), George Washington University/ Associate Researcher, FRIDE: *"Assessment of the impact on the Central Asia region of the 2014 withdrawal of NATO/ISAF forces from Afghanistan"*

15:00-15:25 Q&A session

15:25-15:30 Conference conclusions by Mr. **Thijs Berman**,
Chair of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan

The meeting will be web streamed online:
<http://www.europartv.europa.eu/ParliamentLive.asp>

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