

NATO'S TRANSFORMATION, THE MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE, AND NATO-ISRAEL RELATIONS

Conference co-organized by:

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Atlantic Forum of Israel
Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya

Daniel Hotel, Herzliya, October 23-24, 2006

Monday, October 23

18:30	RECEPTION IN HONOR OF: H.E. AMBASSADOR ALESSANDRO MINUTO RIZZO DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO
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19:30 OPENING GALA DINNER

Chair:

Prof. **Uzi Arad**

Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy; Chair, Atlantic Forum of Israel

Greetings:

Prof. **Amnon Rubinstein**

President, IDC Herzliya

Opening address:

H.E. Ms. **Tzipi Livni**

Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel

Keynote address:

H.E. Ambassador **Alessandro Minuto Rizzo**

Deputy Secretary General of NATO

Questions and Answers

Tuesday, October 24

09:30 - 11:00 NATO'S TRANSFORMATION, THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST REGION

- NATO's Post Cold War Transformation
- The Track Record of the Mediterranean Dialogue

Chair: Mr. **Tommy Steiner**
Executive Secretary, Atlantic Forum of Israel

Speakers:

Mr. **Nicola de Santis**
Head, Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative
Countries Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division

Col. (res.) **Uri Naaman**
Coordinator for NATO & European Defense Organizations, Ministry of
Defense

Mr. **Sammy Ravel**
Director, Division for Multilateral European Institutions, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

11:30 – 13:00 REGIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND NATO'S ROLE IN PROMOTING SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

- NATO's Role in Contributing to Security in the Mediterranean
- Israeli Perceptions of NATO and the Role of Mediterranean Dialogue Countries

Chair: MK Maj. Gen. (res.) **Matan Vilnai**
Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee; Former
Minister of Science & Technology

Speakers:

Dr. **Patrick Hardouin**
Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Regional Economic and Security
Affairs, NATO Political Affairs and Security Policy Division

Maj. Gen. **Ido Nehushtan**
Head of IDF Plans & Policy Directorate

Col. (res.) Dr. **Eran Lerman**
Director, Israel & Middle East Office, American Jewish Committee

Cap. (Navy) **Yair Zilberman**
Head of Planning & Strategy Department, Israel Navy

13:00 - 14:30 LUNCH

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. **Ronald D. Asmus**

Executive Director, Transatlantic Center, German Marshall Fund of the
United States

14:30 - 16:30 NATO-ISRAEL RELATIONS – THE WAY FORWARD

Chair: H.E. **Michael Žantovský**

Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel and NATO Contact
Point Ambassador in Israel

H.E. Dr. **Oded Eran**

Head of Israel Mission to the European Union

MK Ambassador **Collette Avital**

Deputy Speaker of the Knesset

Prof. **Shlomo Avineri**

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS & FAREWELL

Prof. **Uzi Arad**

Director Institute for Policy and Strategy and Chair of the Atlantic Forum
of Israel

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