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NATO IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

Wednesday, March 5th 2008

W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall, Marcus Family Campus
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva

09:30 – 10:00 OPENING REMARKS

Prof. Rivka Carmi, *President, BGU*

Prof. Jimmy Weinblatt, *Rector, BGU*

Dr. Sharon Pardo, *Director, The Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society, BGU*

10:00 – 12:00 PANEL I:

NATO'S TRANSFORMATION AND THE MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

Panel Keynote Speaker: **Mr. Rafael Barak**, *Deputy Director General for Europe,
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Mr. Nicola de Santis, *Head, Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative
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Prof. Zaki Shalom, *The Ben-Gurion Research Institute, BGU*

Moderator: **Prof. David Newman**, *Department of Politics and Government, BGU*

14:00-15:30 PANEL II:

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND SECURITY

Panel Keynote Speaker: **Prof. Uri Mingelgrin**, *Scientist, Volcani Centre, ARO and former
Chief Scientist, Israel Ministry for the Protection of the Environment*

Prof. Fernando Carvalho Rodrigues, *Head, Threats and Challenges Section, NATO Public
Diplomacy Division*

Prof. Alon Tal, *Mitrani Department of Dryland Ecology, The Jacob Blaustein Institute
for Desert Research, BGU*

Ms. Ladeene Freitmuth, *Deputy Director, Tel Aviv Office, Friends of the Earth Middle East*

Moderator: **Prof. Fred Lazin**, *Chair, Department of Politics and Government, BGU*

16:00 – 18:00 PANEL III:

A. THE WAY FORWARD IN NATO – ISRAEL RELATIONS B. FACING THE CHANGING GLOBAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

Panel Keynote Speaker: **H.E. Michael Žantovský**, *Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel
and NATO Contact Point Ambassador in Israel*

Col. (res.) Uri Naaman, *Coordinator for NATO and European Defence Organisations,
Israel Ministry of Defence*

Dr. Yuval Elovici, *Director, Deutsche Telekom Laboratories, BGU*

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Mr. Tommy Steiner, *Executive Secretary, Atlantic Forum of Israel and Senior Research Fellow,
Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya*

Moderator: **Mr. Shmuel Ravel**, *Director Division for Multilateral European Institutions,
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