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Visit to NATO of Diplomats from the Kingdom of Bahrain

Programme

Tuesday 3 April 2012 - Conference Room Brosio

- 08:30 Arrival to NATO HQ
- 09.00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's History and Current Issues* by **Mr. Rad Van den Akker**, Speechwriter, Office of the Spokesperson, Public Diplomacy Division.
- 10.00 Coffee/tea break
- 10:30 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's New Strategic Concept and NATO's Outreach to the Middle East and the Gulf Region* by **Dr. Rolf Schwarz**, Political Officer, Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division.
- 11:30 Briefing and discussion on *Military Cooperation in the Framework of the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative* by **Major Ciprian Filimon**, Staff Officer, Cooperation and Regional Security Division, International Military Staff.
- 12:30 Hosted Lunch in the NATO Restaurant.
- 14:30 Departure from NATO

Wednesday 4 April 2012 - Conference Room Brosio

- 08:30 Arrival to NATO HQ
- 09.00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO-Russia relations* with **Dr. Petr Lunak**, Deputy Head, Partnership Section, Public Diplomacy Division.
- 10.00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Operations in Libya and Afghanistan* by **Mr. Mihai Carp**, Deputy Head, Operations Section A, Operations Division.
- 11.00 Coffee/tea break
- 11:30 Briefing and discussion on *Emerging Security Challenges* with **Mr. Michael Rühle**, Head, Energy Security Section, Emerging Security Challenges Division.
- 12:30 Departure from NATO