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## Visit to NATO HQ of the NATO Regional Cooperation Course (NRCC-7)

### Programme

#### Monday 23 April 2012 - Room (to be announced on day of visit)

- 08:30 Arrival at NATO Headquarters and security procedures
- 08:45 *Welcoming remarks* by **Dr. Rolf Schwarz**, Political Officer, Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division.
- 09:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Military Cooperation in the framework of the Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative* by **Major General Carlos Branco**, Director Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 10:00 Address and Q&As by **General Knud Bartels**, Chairman of the North Atlantic Military Committee.
- 11:00 Meeting with **H.E. Ambassador João Mira Gomes**, Permanent Representative of Portugal on the North Atlantic Council and **H.E. Ambassador Philippe Errera**, Permanent Representative of France on the North Atlantic Council.
- 12:00 Walk to NATO Staff Center
- 12:30 Working Lunch in the NATO Staff Center with **Major General Carlos Branco**, Director Cooperation and Regional Security Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 14:30 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Operation in Libya* by **Major General Marcel Druart**, Director Operations Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 15:30 Briefing on *NATO's New Partnership Policy* by **Dr Jarek Skonieczka**, Senior Director, Integration, Partnership and Cooperation Directorate, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division
- 16:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's New Strategic Concept, the Mediterranean and the Middle East* by **Mr. Nicola de Santis**, Head, Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division.
- 17:00 Meeting with **Mr Joseph Manso**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the North Atlantic Council.
- 18:00 Depart NATO HQ to Hotel



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## Tuesday 24 April 2012 - Room (to be announced on day of visit)

- 08:30 Arrival at NATO Headquarters and security procedures
- 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 with **Colonel Frank Richter**, Deputy Representative of Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACTREPEUR), Allied Command Transformation (ACT).
- 11:00 Briefing and discussion on *Emerging Security Challenges* with **Mr. Michael Rühle**, Head, Energy Security Section, Emerging Security Challenges Division.
- 12:00 Lunch in NATO Restaurant
- 14:00 Briefing and discussion on *NATO's Civil Emergency Planning*, **Mr. Guenther Bretschneider**, Operations Division.
- 15:00 Meeting and discussion with **H.E. Ambassador Todor Churov**, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria on the North Atlantic Council and with **H.E. Ambassador Riccardo Sessa**, Permanent Representative of Italy on the North Atlantic Council
- 16:00 Briefing and discussion with **Major General Michel Yakovleff**, Representative of Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUREP), Allied Command Operations (ACO).
- 17:00 Briefing and discussion on the *Military Command structure of NATO* by **Rear Admiral Robert Davidson**, Director Plans and Policy Division, NATO International Military Staff.
- 18:00 Depart NATO HQ to Hotel