

**Atlantic Treaty Association**  
**53<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Château Laurier, Ottawa**  
**October 31- November 2, 2007**

**NATO AND GLOBAL PARTNERS:**  
**A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO REBUILDING AFGHANISTAN AND OTHER CHALLENGES**

**Wednesday, 31 October 2007**

- 09:00                    Semi-annual Meeting of the Atlantic Treaty Association Council (ATA) – Adam Room  
Simultaneous Meeting of the Young Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA) – MacDonald Room  
Simultaneous Meeting of the Atlantic Association of Young Political Leaders (AAYPL)
- 10:15 – 10:45           **Break** – Adam Corridor
- 12:00 – 13:00           **Lunch**
- 13:00 – 14:30           Continuation of Council Meeting – Adam Room  
Simultaneous Town Hall meeting of YATA and Canadian University students with  
Mr. Ajmal PASHTOONYAR  
*Youth Outreach Officer, Afghanistan Task Force,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada*
- 14:30 – 15:00           **Break** – Adam Corridor
- 15:00 – 16:00           **Statutory Assembly** – Ballroom
- 16:00 – 18:30           **Opening Ceremonies and ATA Plenary Session –**  
  
**Welcome Address and introduction**  
  
Ms. Julie LINDHOUT  
*President of the Atlantic Council of Canada*  
  
Hon. Bill GRAHAM  
*Chairman of the Atlantic Council of Canada*  
  
Amb. Robert E. HUNTER  
*President of the Atlantic Treaty Association*  
  
**Opening Addresses**  
  
H.E. Amb. Claudio BISOGNIERO  
*NATO Deputy Secretary General*  
  
Ms. Colleen SWORD  
*Assistant Deputy Minister, International Security Branch  
Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada  
Representing the Minister, The Honorable Maxime Bernier*  
  
Hon. Fatmir MEDIU  
*Minister of Defence of Albania*  
  
**Words of Greeting**  
  
H.E. Amb. Davor BOŽINOVIĆ  
*Croatian Ambassador to NATO and Croatian Coordinator for NATO Communication Strategy*  
  
Hon. Lazar ELENOVSKI  
*Minister of Defence of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\**  
  
**Address**  
17:15                    Hon. Tony CLEMENT  
*Minister of Health of Canada*

Mr. Gary ROBBINS  
*Director, Office of European Security and Political Affairs,  
Representative of the United States Department of State*

18:30 – 20:00

**Reception** to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NATO-Russia Council and to honour the life of the past President of the ATA, Ambassador Ü. Halûk Bayülken.  
(on location at Château Laurier) – Ballroom

Note:

- Ambassador of Russia to Canada Georgiy Mamedov in attendance
- The Hon. Bill Graham hosted a private dinner afterwards at which both Mr. Ryabkov and Amb. Mamedov were guests

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**

08:30 – 09:00

**Opening Address: Afghanistan Today** – Adam Room  
H.E. Omar SAMAD  
*Ambassador of Afghanistan to Canada*

09:00 – 10:30

**Priorities in Building Security in Afghanistan – NATO, UN, EU Roles and Cooperation in Afghanistan and Current Operations, Issues and Challenges**

Moderators:

Amb. Gyorgy BANLAKI, *ATA Vice-President (Hungary)*  
Mr. Harold THØRUD, *YATA President (Norway)*

Mr. Jonathan PARISH

*Senior Policy Advisor, NATO Policy and Planning, Office of the Secretary General*

Mr. Francesc VENDRELL

*EU Special Representative for Afghanistan*

10:30 – 11:00

**Break** – Adam Corridor

11:00 – 12:00

**Lessons from Afghanistan and Region**

Moderators:

Ms. Liis KLAAR, *President, Estonian Atlantic Treaty Association*  
Mrs. Tina STERGULJC KRUSIĆ, *YATA Secretary General*

Gen. Klaus NAUMANN

*Vice President of the German Atlantic Committee, Former Chairman, NATO Military Committee*

Prof. Sean MALONEY

*Royal Military College of Canada (RMC), Kingston, Ontario*

12:00 – 13:30

**Lunch** – Canadian Room and Drawing Room

Discussion Tables with questions to be considered. Key points and possible recommendations will be recorded to provide input to NATO, EU, UN, and DFAIT and DND Canada.

13:30 – 14:30

**NATO's Transformation forged and tested in Afghanistan –  
Afghanistan and its impact on Alliance Members and Partners.**

Moderators:

Mr. Theodossis GEORGIU, *President, Greek Association for the Atlantic and European Cooperation*  
Mr. Hugo PALMA, *YATA Portugal*

LGen. Andrew B. LESLIE  
*OMM, MSC, MSM, CD, Chief of the Land Staff, former Commander Task Force Kabul and Deputy Commander ISAF, 2003*

Prof. Sean KAY  
*Chair, International Studies at Ohio Wesleyan University and Mershon Associate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University*

14:30 – 15:00      **Break** – Adam Corridor

15:00 – 16:40      **NATO Beyond Afghanistan –  
Cooperation with Russia, Missile Defence, Energy Security, addressing  
conflict through cooperation**

Moderators:

Dr. Arian STAROVA, *ATA Vice-President (Albania)*

Dr. Grant DAWSON, *Outgoing YATA Vice-President, Education (Canada)*

Prof. Uzi ARAD

*Chair, Atlantic Forum of Israel, Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy,  
Interdisciplinary Centre, Herzliya*

Delivered by Co-Author Mr. Tommy STEINER

*Executive Secretary of the Atlantic Forum of Israel*

Commander (Ret'd) USCG Craig CORL

*Center for Naval Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia*

Mr. Sergey Alexeevich RYABKOV

*Director, Department of European Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russia*

16:40 – 17:00      **NATO's global interests or global interests in NATO?  
Views from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\***

Moderators:

Dr. Bram BOXHOORN, *ATA Vice-President (Netherlands)*

Mr. Giuseppe BELARDETTI, *Incoming YATA Vice-President (Italy)*

Hon. Lazar ELENOVSKI

*Minister of Defence of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\**

18:00 – 20:00      **Reception** offered by the Ambassadors of Albania, Croatia and the Former Yugoslav  
Republic of Macedonia\* – Commonwealth Room, Centre Block, Parliament Building

Note:

- Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence of Canada in attendance

### Friday, November 2, 2007

08:00 – 09:30      **Transatlantic Forum** – Adam Room  
Moderator Dr. Troels FRØLING  
*Secretary General of the Atlantic Treaty Association*

09:40 – 10:40      **NATO's global interests or global interests in NATO?** – Adam Room

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H.E. Amb. Davor BOŽINOVIĆ  
*Croatian Ambassador to NATO and Croatian Coordinator for NATO Communication Strategy*

Mr. Lushan SUN  
*Counsellor, Embassy of China in Canada*

10:45 – 11:00 **Report of the General Rapporteur**  
Col. (Ret'd) Brian MACDONALD

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Closing Ceremonies**

Hon. Sali BERISHA  
*Prime Minister of Albania*

Mr. Laurie HAWN, MP  
*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence Canada*

Amb. Wayne NEILL  
*Political Advisor of Allied Command Transformation, ACT, Norfolk, Virginia*

H.E. Traian BASESCU  
*President of Romania*  
Delivered by H.E. Amb. Elena STEFOI  
*Ambassador of Romania to Canada*

**Closing Remarks**  
Amb. HUNTER

13:30 – 21:00 **Excursion in Ottawa and area**

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