FINAL PROGRAMME AGENDA

6 May 2004

Arrival of participants in Rome; transfer to Hotel

20.10 Depart Hotel to reception

20.30 Reception Dinner hosted by Sen. Roberto Antonione Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs

7 May 2004

OPENING SESSION

08.10 Depart Hotel Ambasciatori to the NATO Defense College

09:00 - 09:15 Introductory remarks: Lt.Gen. Jean Paul Raffenne, Commandant NDC and Mr. Jean Fournet, NATO ASG for Public Diplomacy

09:15 - 09:45 Welcome address: by Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Franco Frattini

Keynote address: by H.E. Mr. Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, NATO Secretary General

MORNING SESSION

09:45 - 10:15 First panel: “The Perception of NATO in the Mediterranean and in the wider region of the Middle East”, Speaker: Prof. Bichara Khader University of Louvain and Director of the Arab World Study and Research Center; Respondent: Dr. Shafeeq Ghabra, President, American University of Kuwait.

10:15 - 11:15 Discussion period

11:15 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:30 Discussion period
13:30 Lunch

### AFTERNOON SESSION

15:30 - 16:00 **Third Panel: “Security Challenges in the Mediterranean and in the wider region of the Middle East”, Speaker:** Dr. Ghanem Al-Najjar, Professor of Political Science, University of Kuwait; **Respondent:** Professor Mustafa Aydin, Political Science Department, Ankara University.

16:00 - 16:45 Discussion period
16:45 Coffee break

### FINAL SESSION

17.00 - 17:40 **Final panel: “NATO’s Future Role in the Mediterranean and in wider region of the Middle East”, Speakers:** Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, Dubai; Dr. Stephen F. Larrabee, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation; Mr. Amir Oren, Senior Foreign Correspondent Haaretz, Tel Aviv.

17.40-18.20 Discussion period
18.20 **Conference wrap up:** Rear Admiral (ret.) Jean Dufourcq, Head of the Academic Research Branch NATO Defense College.

18:35 End of conference
18:45 Participants depart NDC to Hotel