



Is NATO indispensable? Why? The Brussels Summit High Level Seminar - Palazzo Montecitorio, Sala della Regina Rome, May 18th 2017











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High-level Seminar

Co-organised by the NATO Defense College Foundation, the NATO Defense College and the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

# Rome, 18th May 2017

Venue: Camera dei Deputati, Palazzo Montecitorio, Sala della Regina, Rome

14,15-15,00 Arrival of participants - Registration

15,00-15,15 Welcome remarks

Hon. Paolo Alli,

President, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels

#### SUMMITS AND BEYOND

One year after the Warsaw Summit, open issues remain to be tackled. They regard the fundamental political nature of the Alliance, burden sharing, rethinking defense spending targets, NATO's counter-terrorism strategy.

The Euro-Atlantic community is taking a new shape. The Alliance is therefore at an historic crossroads. What kind of decisions are to be taken to shape its future? Are we going towards a global NATO?

Chair: **Alessandro Minuto -Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome

- Richard D. Hooker, Senior Director for NATO/Europe, Russia and Europe Directorate at the National Security Council, Washington D. C.
- Jonathan Parish, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Defense Policy and Planning Division, NATO, Brussels
- □ Ian O. Lesser, Executive Director, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brussels

Q&A

#### A WORLD OF DISORDER

The instability in Eastern Europe and new risks from the South and beyond the horizon are pulling the Alliance from all sides; it could be at the margins or the centre of the scene. Is strategic awareness within NATO mature enough to recognise a cohesive management of risks from the South and from the East? Which elements of consensus could be strengthened?

The future role of partnerships. The relationship with the European Union.

Chair: **Stefano Silvestri**, Vice President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome

- Giampaolo Di Paola, Former Minister of Defense of the Republic of Italy, Rome
- Vincenzo Camporini, Vice President, Institute for International Affairs, Rome
- Brooke Smith-Windsor, Deputy Head, Research Division,
  NATO Defense College, Rome

# Q&A

Concluding remarks

# Hon. Andrea Manciulli,

President, Italian Delegation, NATO Parliamentary Assembly

### SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

#### Hon. Paolo Alli

President, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels

He has been a member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies for the New Centre Right Party (NCD) since March 2013. He serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee, the European Union Policies Committee and the Joint Committee on the Implementation of Fiscal Federalism. Mr Alli joined the NATO Parliamentary Assembly immediately following his election to the Italian parliament in 2013. He is Vice-Chair of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Within the Assembly, Mr Alli is a member of both the Political Committee (PC) and the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group (GSM), and has served as Rapporteur of the Sub-Committee on NATO Partnerships and Vice-Chairman of the GSM. He was elected President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly at the Assembly's Annual Session in Istanbul in November 2016.

### Ambassador Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo

President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome

A strong focus on strategic outlook in complex issues. High level contacts and negotiations. Special attention on countries of strategic relevance i.e. the Gulf region. Frequent Public Diplomacy activities to discuss policies and open issues. He held the position of Deputy Secretary General of the Atlantic Alliance, between 2001 and 2007. His mandate was mostly carried out in the strategic - political-industrial area, in relations with sensitive countries such as those in the Gulf and the Southern Mediterranean. He is the author of the books: "The road to Kabul", publisher Il Mulino-Arel (2009) and "A political journey without maps, diversity and future in the Greater Middle East". (Rubbettino 2013).

# Richard D. Hooker, Jr.

Senior Director for NATO/Europe, Russia and Europe Directorate at the National Security Council, Washington D. C.

He previously worked as National Defense University Director for Research and Strategic Support and Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) in September 2013. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, he served as Deputy Commandant and Dean of the NATO Defense College in Rome from September 2010 to August 2013. He holds The Theodore Roosevelt Chair in National Security Affairs at NDU and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and the Foreign Policy Research Institute. A former White House Fellow, Dr. Hooker previously taught at the United States Military Academy at West Point and held the Chief of Staff of the Army Chair at the National War College in Washington, D.C. He also served with the Office of National Service, The White House under President George H.W. Bush, with the Arms Control and Defense Directorate, National Security Council during the Clinton Administration, and with the NSC Office for Iraq and Afghanistan in the administration of George W. Bush.

# Jonathan Parish

Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Defense Policy and Planning Division, NATO, Brussels

He took up the post of Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning on 1 February 2014. He trained at the Army Staff College at Shrivenham and Camberley and then spent two years as Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations in SHAPE, Belgium. He also served in Madrid at the NATO Joint Headquarters where he was chief of operational support. In 2001 he was posted to Headquarters NATO where he led the staff responsible for the military aspects of Combating Terrorism and NATO Enlargement. He then spent a year as Policy Planning Officer within the Office of the Secretary General. In September 2004 he joined the NATO International Staff as senior planning officer and speechwriter to the Secretary General.

### Ian O. Lesser

Executive Director, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brussels

Prior to joining GMF, Dr. Lesser was a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and vice president and director of studies at the Pacific Council on International Policy. He came to the Pacific Council from RAND, where he spent over a decade as a senior analyst and research manager specializing in strategic studies. From 1994-1995, he was a member of the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State, responsible for Turkey, Southern Europe, North Africa, and the multilateral track of the Middle East peace process.

A frequent commentator for international media, he has written extensively on foreign and security policy issues. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

#### Stefano Silvestri

Vice President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome

He has been President of the International Affairs Institute from 2001 to 2013. He has been a lead writer for Il Sole 24 Ore since 1985. Between January 1995 and May 1996 he served as Under Secretary of State for Defence, having been an advisor to the Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, for European matters, in 1975, and a consultant to the Prime Minister's Office under various Governments. He continues to act as a consultant to both for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministries of Defence and Industry. He is currently a member of administrative council of the Italian Industries Federation for Aerospace, Defence and Security (AIAD), and of the Trilateral Commission.

# Giampaolo Di Paola

Former Minister of Defense of the Republic of Italy, Rome

After specializing at the Submarine School, from 1968 to 1974 he served on various missions on board the submarines "GAZZANA" and "PIOMATA". Commander of the Submarine "CAPPELLINI" in 1974/75 and the Submarine "SAURO" in 1980/81, he was also Commander of the Frigate "GRECALE" in 1984/85; After being promoted to Captain of Vessel, he served as Commander on the "G. GARIBALDI" Carrier in 1989/1990. From 1994 to 1998 he served as the Head of the Military Policy Department of the Defense Staff. On November 1998, he was appointed Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Defense. From March 2001 to March 2004, he was Secretary General of Defense / National Armaments Director. In March 2004, Admiral Giampaolo Di Paola was appointed the Chief of Defense Staff. From November 2011 to April 2013 he was Minister of Defense of the Monti Government.

# Vincenzo Camporini

Vice President, Institute for International Affairs, Rome

Enlisted in the Air Force Academy in 1965, General Camporini rose through the ranks to eventually take up the highest office of Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force (2006-2008) and Chief of Defence General Staff (2008-2011). A graduate in Aeronautical Sciences at the University of Naples Federico II and in International and Diplomatic Sciences at the University of Trieste, General Camporini has also dealt with the most topical issues of international politics as a scholar and academic, focusing on the political-military dimension of the European Union and the development of its ability to use the military instrument in the framework of its external relations. Among other things, he was President of the Centre for High Defence Studies, Rome (2004-2006).

#### **Brooke Smith-Windsor**

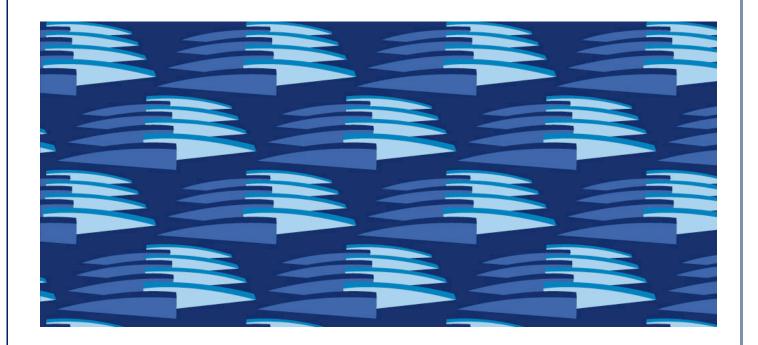
Deputy Head Research Division, NATO Defense College, Rome

Deputy Head and a founding member of the NATO Defense College (NDC) Research Division where he covers the Atlantic Alliance's approaches to cooperative security (global partnerships), crisis management (comprehensive approach) and maritime strategy. Prior to his current appointment, Dr. Smith-Windsor was the Director of Strategic Guidance at the Canadian Department of National Defense where he served for 13 years and co-authored Leadmark: The Navy's Strategy for 2020 as well as two transformational defense policy White Papers.

### Hon. Andrea Manciulli

President, Italian Delegation, NATO Parliamentary Assembly

At the primary elections in October 2007 he was elected Secretary of the Democratic Party in Tuscany, and re-elected to this post at the primary elections in October 2009. After serving as Regional Councillor in Tuscany from 2000 until 2013, he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the Democratic Party in the general elections of 24 and 25 February 2013. Currently he is Deputy Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly other than Rapporteur of the Mediterranean and Middle East Special Group (GSM) of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and submitted the following reports: "Daesh: the challenge to regional and international security"; "The expansion of Daesh to Libya and the Western Mediterranean"; and "The Terrorist Threat to Europe and the Balkans". In 2016 he was Rapporteur on the decree-law on Italian missions abroad and proposer of a new bill introducing measures to counter jihadist radicalization, which is currently being discussed in Parliament.



The graphic design of this high level international conference is inspired by the new NATO headquarters which will be inaugurated with the next Brussels Summit. The graphic was created by our communication manager Matteo Marsini and it represents the eight pavilions of the futuristic shape of the building. Eight elements melded together to become one vibrant, modern, forward-looking and united Alliance.



### The NATO Foundation

The NATO Defense College Foundation was established in 2011. It grew out from a common intuition of the President Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo and the NATO Defense College top decision makers who understood the value of a non-profit NGO that could work beyond usual and institutional outreach, training, communication and scientific research activities.

While the tradition of stability and well-being is embodied by the principles of the Washington charter, the triple upheavals of the fall of the Soviet Union, the global economic crisis and the Arab Revolutions required a more focussed, agile and innovative approach.

Therefore the NDCF strives at considering relevant issues not just in a descriptive or prescriptive way, but by catching the sense of events and the essential vectors of future developments. In a word: Charting ahead.

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