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Two-Stage High-Level Conference

Organised by the NATO Defense College Foundation and the NATO Defense College

Rome, 14th of December 2021

Venue: Sala Corallo/Opale, Hotel Sina Bernini Bristol, Piazza Barberini 23

15,00 – 15,15

Participants' Arrival

15,15 – 15,25

Welcome Remarks

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome
- **Olivier Rittimann**, Commandant, NATO Defense College, Rome

15,25 – 15,35

Opening Remarks

- **Nicola de Santis**, Head, Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO, Brussels

15,35 – 17,05

PANEL

THE COMPLEX OF INDO-PACIFIC INSTABILITIES

“China’s growing influence and international policies can present challenges that we need to address together as an Alliance. We will engage China with a view to defending the security interests of the Alliance”, Brussels Communiqué, 14th of June 2021. Therefore, the Indo-Pacific region presents a complex geostrategic background with several instabilities affecting all major countries, China included. The panel is opened by a comprehensive overview of the region and is deepened on the issue of the security implications of the rise of China (risks, opportunities, technologies, deterrence, next Strategic Concept, etc.).

Chair: **Cynthia Salloum**, Researcher, NATO Defense College, Rome

- **Peter Neumann**, Director, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King’s College, London
- **Jonathan Holslag**, Professor, International Politics, Free University of Brussels, Brussels
- **Ashley Tellis**, Tata Chair for Strategic Affairs and Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC

17,05 – 17,35

Coffee Break

17,35 – 18,05

Q&A Session

18,05 – 18,20

Concluding Remarks

- **Piero Fassino**, President, Foreign Affairs Committee, Chamber of Deputies, Rome

END OF THE WORKING DAY