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25th Annual International Symposium

*Contemporary Security Challenges
in Europe, Mediterranean and Greece:
the Role of NATO & EU*

Friday 9 December 2016

Hellenic Armed Forces Officers' Club, Athens, Rigillis 1 Athens

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10:30 Registration

11:00 Opening Session

- **Theodosis Georgiou**, President, Greek Association for Atlantic and European Cooperation, President 1997-2001, Atlantic Treaty Association
- **Ino Afentouli**, Program Officer, Partnerships and Cooperative Security, Coordinator Caucasus and Central Asia, NATO Public Diplomacy Division
- **Fabrizio Lucioli**, President of Atlantic Treaty Association

11:30 Special Session

Moderator: **Andreas Lykourantzou**, Founding Member G.A.A.E.C., former Minister

- **Ioannis Varvitsiotis**, Minister of National Defense 1990-1993, in tribute to his 1991 Inaugural Address to GAAEC

Comments: **Evanthis Hatzivassiliou**, Professor of History, University of Athens

Statements from Representatives of Atlantic Associations

12:00 The American Perspective

Moderator: **Aliki Mitsakos**, Founding Member G.A.A.E.C., Dean “The International Center for Leading Studies” - TICLS

- **H.E. Geoffrey Pyatt**, Ambassador of the United States of America to Greece

12:30 Greek Foreign & Defense Policy in a Changing International - Regional Environment: Challenges and Opportunities

Moderator: **Athanasios Ellis**, Senior Editor and Columnist, «Kathimerini»

- **Evangelos Venizelos**, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs 2013-2015, Minister of National Defense 2009-2011
- **Georgios Koumoutsakos**, MP, Head of Foreign Affairs Department, Nea Dimokratia

13:30 Coffee Break

14:00 European Security - Defense Strategy - non-Conventional Threats: Unstable Economies and Security, Cyberwarfare, European Energy Security, Refugee/Migration Flows in the Mediterranean, Environment and Climate Change

Moderator: **Marietta Giannakou**, former Minister, former MEP

- **Vassilios Leventis**, MP, President, Union of Centrists
- **Georgios Kyrtzos**, MEP, New Democracy
- **Eva Kaili**, MEP, Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree
- **Spyros Danellis**, MP, To Potami

15:15 Can the European Union Achieve an Autonomous Defense Identity? The Role of National Defense Industries

«...they should lead to more efficient spending and better defense capabilities. One issue we need to address better is the fragmentation of the European defense industry....» Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General NATO.

Moderator: **Panagiotis Tsakonias**, Professor, University of the Aegean, President, BoD Center for Security Studies (KEMEA)

- **Dennys Plessas**, Vice President, Business Development Initiatives Lockheed Martin Aeronautics / International
- **Tasos Rozolis**, President, Hellenic Defense Manufactures Association (SEKPY)
- **George Troullinos**, President, Hellenic Aerospace and Defense Industries Group (HASDIG), C.E.O. Intracom Defense
- **Zacharias Gkikas**, President, BoD Hellenic Aerospace Industry S.A.

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 European Union – NATO Partnership

Moderator: **Ino Afentouli**, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

- **Mikhail Kostarakos**, General, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee
- Comments: **Thanos Dokos**, Director General, ELIAMEP

17:30 The French Perspective

Moderator: **Aliki Mitsakos**, Founding Member G.A.A.E.C., Dean “The International Center for Leading Studies” - TICLS

- **H.E. Christophe Chantepy**, Ambassador of the French Republic to Greece

18:00 Quadranscentennial Session - Closing Address

25 Years of G.A.A.E.C. - 25th Symposium's Resolutions

Honorary tribute to Vice Admiral (rtd) **Vassilios Mitsakos H.N.**, Founding Member G.A.A.E.C., World War II Veteran

- **Theodoros Psalidopoulos**, Journalist, Political Scientist
- **Ino Afentouli**, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

18:15 Keynote Speaker: Panagiotis Kammenos, Minister of National Defense

Reception for the 25th Anniversary of G.A.A.E.C.

All sessions followed by discussion