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Public discussion

Georgia towards 2013 – reality, reforms & expectations

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Draft Program

Friday, June 3rd

9:00 **Registration, coffee served**

9:00–9:15 **Opening remarks:**
Mr. Richard Bærug, Chairperson of the BBSA
Mr. Koki Ionatamishvili, Board member of the BBSA, Georgia

09:15-10:30 **FIRST SESSION** (40 min with Speakers + 35 min discussion)

“Georgia’s Security and Foreign Policy”

Georgia’s new National Security Strategy. Strategic Partnerships in the Region. Wider Security Implications of Occupied Territories. Future of Georgia-Russia Relations. Intensifying Georgia-EU Relations.

Moderator: **Mr. Andris Sprūds**, Vice-chairman of the BBSA, Director of the Latvian Institute of Foreign Affairs

Panelists:

- **Mr. Batu Kutelia**, Deputy Head of the National Security Council, Georgia
- **Mr. Andrey Zagorskiy**, Center for War and Peace Studies, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO – University), Russia
- **Mr. Irakli Alasania**, party leader, Our Georgia-Free Democrats, Georgia

10:30-10.45 **Break – to change seats and take coffee**

10:45-12:00 **SECOND SESSION** (40 min with Speakers + 35 min discussion)

“Human Rights and Humanitarian Aspects of Occupied Territories”

Georgia’s Engagement Strategy and Action Plan with the Occupied Territories. The post-war developments. Future of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Potential Role of International Organizations.

Moderator: Moderator: **Mr. Richard Bærug**, Chairperson of the BBSA

Panelists:

- **Ms. Ekaterine Tkeshelashvili**, State Minister for Reintegration, Vice Prime Minister
- **Mr. Evaldas Ignatavičius**, Lithuanian Vice - Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Mr. Uwe Halbach**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs
- **Mr. Philip Dimitrov**, Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia (**invited**)

12.00-12.15 Break – to change seats and take coffee

12:15-13:30 THIRD SESSION (40 min with Speakers + 35 min discussion)

“Domestic Reforms & Political Processes”

Constitutional Reform. Political Pluralism. Media Freedom. Democratic Reforms. Domestic reforms as part of foreign policy success.

Moderator: **tbc**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Giorgi Ugulava**, Major of Tbilisi city, Party “National Movement”, Georgia
- **Mr. Giorgi Targamadze**, Leader of Parliamentary Opposition & Party “Christian Democrats”, Georgia
- **Mr. Per Kristian Foss**, Member of the presidium of the Nordic Council, Vice-president of the Norwegian parliament, Former Minister of Finance (2001-2005)
- **Mr. Petras Auštrevičius**, Deputy Chairman of European Affairs Committee, Parliament of Lithuania

Closing of the discussion. Refreshments and snacks served

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