



NATO Parliamentary Assembly
Assemblée parlementaire de l'OTAN

Ref : 12624 06 E

18 December 2006

**TO SECRETARIES OF DELEGATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO
ALL MEMBERS OF MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE DELEGATIONS**

Dear Member,

Re: New Director of the Defence and Security Committee

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed an American national, Alexandre Tiersky, as Director of the Defence and Security Committee to replace Zachary Selden who has returned to the United States to take up a position at the University of Miami.

Alex is a Foreign Affairs Officer in the United States State Department where his appointments have included the US Mission to NATO, the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and the Bureau of Arms Control. In the State Department, he has addressed issues such as the United States' force posture realignment, the NATO training mission in Iraq, US-Russian strategic relations, and the CFE Treaty. He has also recently completed a six-month secondment as a legislative fellow in the United States' Senate.

His previous experience includes the Council on Foreign Relations, the Government Accountability Organization, and the Center for War, Peace and the News Media at New York University.

He is also bilingual in English and French.

I am sure that Alex has the appropriate blend of expertise and experience to make a successful Director of our Defence and Security Committee.

Alex will join the Washington DC portion of the visit of the Defence and Security Committee to the United States at the end of January, and will take up his position in Brussels immediately thereafter.

As usual, this Defence and Security Committee visit is being organized by the US House of Representatives' delegation. Within the International Secretariat arrangements are being handled by my Deputy, David Hobbs, and the Director of the Science and Technology Committee, Andrius Avizius, both of whom will accompany members throughout the entire visit.

Best wishes,

Simon Lunn

The Secretary General – Le Secrétaire général