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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“CONTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTS TO NATO ENLARGEMENT”**

27–28 March 2014
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27 March

- Arrival of the participants
- 19.00 Dinner hosted by Artūras PAULASKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence, and Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs
Venue: Old Arsenal, National Museum of Lithuania, Arsenalo g. 3, Vilnius

Friday, 28 March

- 8.00–9.00 Registration of the participants
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

OPENING SESSION

- Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas*
- 9.00–9.20 Welcome address by President Valdas ADAMKUS (tbc)
- Welcome address by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Welcome address by Artūras PAULASKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence

SESSION I

European States on the road of trans-Atlantic integration after the Cold War: main achievements and the role of parliaments

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

- Speakers:**
- 09.30–09.50 Dr. h.c. Karl A. LAMERS, Vice-President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- 09.50–10.10 Adam SCHIFF, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman of the Baltic Caucus (tbc)
- 10.10–10.30 Linas LINKEVIČIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania (tbc)
- 10.30–10.50 Ion MOCIOALCĂ, Chairman of the Committee for Defence, Public Order and National Security, Chamber of Deputies of Romania (tbc)
- 10.50–12.00 Debate
- 12.00–12.15 Family photo
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas
- End of the Session
- 12.15–13.30 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 13.15–13.30 Press conference
Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building 2 of the Seimas

SESSION II

Towards the 2014 NATO Summit: prospects and implications of possible NATO enlargement in view of addressing new security challenges

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

Speakers:

- 13.30–13.50 Juozas OLEKAS, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
- 13.50–14.10 Representative of NATO (tbc)
- 14.10–14.30 Lieutenant General Arvydas POCIUS, Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
- 14.30–14.50 Boris TARASIUK, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Cooperation between the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and NATO (tbc)
- 14.50–15.10 Irakli SESIASHVILI, Chairman of the Defence and Security Committee, Parliament of Georgia
- 15.10–16.00 Debate
- 16.00 End of the Conference
- Departure of participants.