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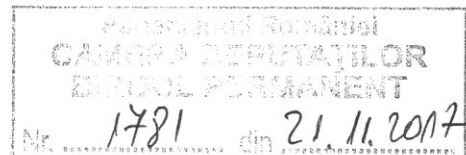
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București,

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MEMORANDUM INTERN

De la: Silvia Claudia MIHALCEA, Secretar general al Camerei Deputaților

Către: Biroul Permanent al Camerei Deputaților

**Tema: Participarea la conferința „Tbilisi Strategic Discussions”
(Tbilisi, Georgia, 4-5 decembrie 2017)**

În perioada 4-5 decembrie 2017, va avea loc în Georgia, conferința intitulată „Tbilisi Strategic Discussions”.

Administrația prezidențială din Georgia organizează în fiecare an această conferință cu scopul de a crea un forum pentru experți din domeniul securității și factori de decizie politică, pentru ca aceștia să dezvolte abordări orientate spre viitor, precum și recomandări pentru provocările legate de securitate.

Ediția de anul acesta a conferinței este organizată în colaborare cu o serie de parteneri din zona Euro-Atlantică precum Consiliu Atlantic (AC) și Consiliul Atlantic din Georgia (ACG); Institutul pentru Politică din Georgia (GIP); Fundația Konrad Adenauer (KAS); Fondul German Marshall din Statele Unite (GMF).

Reuniunea este structurată pe trei sesiuni de dezbateri cu temele: „*Militarizarea regiunii Marii Negre – ocupare, anexare, destabilizare – ce poate fi făcut?*”; „*Rolul consolidat al NATO pe flancul Estic*”; „*Strategii de Securitate Națională pentru apărarea împotriva influențelor străine hibride*”.

La această acțiune a fost invitată să participe doamna deputat **Ana Birchall (PSD)**, Președinta Comisiei speciale comune a Camerei Deputaților și Senatului pentru coordonarea activităților parlamentare necesare pregătirii Președinției Consiliului UE din primul semestru al anului 2019, Șefa Delegației Parlamentului României la AP OSCE și membră a Comisiei pentru afaceri europene.

Organizatorii au comunicat că asigură transportul internațional și cazarea pentru toată perioada conferinței.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar conform art. 3, alin. e) din HBPr nr. 1/2003, modificată și completată prin HBPr nr. 5/2007.

Propunem:

- să se aprobe participarea la această acțiune a doamnei deputat Ana Birchall;
- să se acorde drepturi de diurnă categoria a II-a, 100%, majorată, pentru 4 zile;
- să se acorde un avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară și, totodată, să se suporte din acesta eventuale alte taxe suplimentare precum taxele de oraș sau sejur percepute de hotel;
- să se suporte din bugetul Camerei Deputaților cheltuielile privind serviciile de asigurare contra accidentelor și asigurare de sănătate pentru în perioada efectivă de deplasare;
- decontarea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară, pe baza documentelor justificative.

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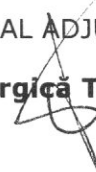
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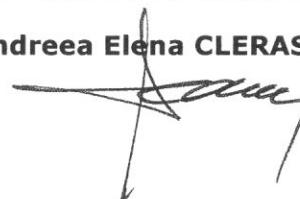
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DIRECTOR GENERAL AFACERI EXTERNE

Andreea Elena CLERAS





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Grupul parlamentar al PSD

**Către: Direcția generală pentru afaceri externe
Direcția pentru cooperare cu organizațiile internaționale și UE**

Prin prezenta, confirm acordul pentru participarea doamnei deputat **Ana Birchall**, în calitate de președinte al Comisiei speciale comune a Camerei Deputaților și Senatului pentru coordonarea activităților parlamentare necesare pregătirii Președinției Consiliului Uniunii Europene din primul semestru al anului 2019, la conferința intitulată „Tbilisi Strategic Discussions”, care va avea loc în perioada 4-5 decembrie 2017 la Tbilisi, Georgia (plecare spre destinație duminică, 3 decembrie a.c. și întoarcere în ziua de miercuri, 6 decembrie a.c.).

Până la data de 27 noiembrie 2017, în funcție de agenda de lucru, Grupul PSD își rezervă dreptul de a anula participarea.

Ioan MUNTEANU

Lider Grup PSD



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Parlamentul României

Comisia specială comună a Camerei Deputaților și Senatului
pentru coordonarea activităților parlamentare necesare
pregătirii Președinției Consiliului Uniunii Europene
din primul semestru al anului 2019



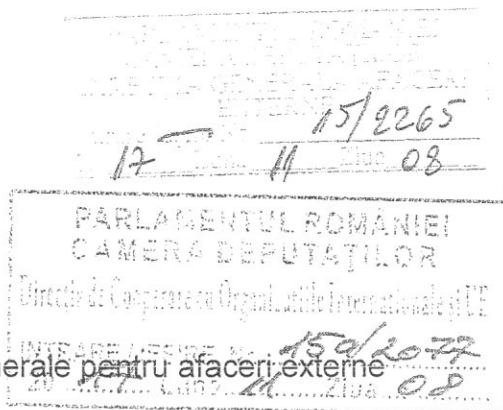
Senatul României

București, 8 noiembrie 2017
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Doamnei **Andreea CLERAS**

Director General al Direcției generale pentru afaceri externe

Doamnă Director General,



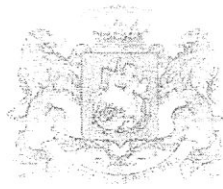
În perioada 4-5 decembrie a.c., va avea loc, în Tbilisi, Georgia, conferința intitulată „Tbilisi Strategic Discussions”, care cuprinde, printre subiectele principale de discuție, contextul de securitate din regiunea Mării Negre, rolul NATO și al UE în regiune, dar și parcursul european și euro-atlantic al Georgiei și al altor state din Politica Europeană de Vecinătate.

Ca o continuare a eforturilor întreprinse în ce privește parcursul european al statelor din Politica Europeană de Vecinătate, am fost invitată să particip la acest eveniment, în calitate de Președinte al Comisiei speciale comune a Camerei Deputaților și Senatului pentru coordonarea activităților parlamentare necesare pregătirii Președinției Consiliului Uniunii Europene din primul semestru al anului 2019.

În acest sens, propun să efectuez această deplasare în perioada 3-6 decembrie a.c..

Menționez că toate costurile legate de transport și cazare sunt asigurate de către organizatori. Vă atașez prezentei adrese invitația primită de la organizatori. Vă rugăm să dispuneți cele necesare pentru aprobarea și realizarea acțiunii.

Președinte,
Ana BIRCHALL



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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA
SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Dear Ms. Ana Birchall!

The Administration of the President of Georgia and the office of the National Security Council are pleased to invite you to the policy workshop *TBILISI STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS* scheduled for December 4-5, 2017.

The Tbilisi Strategic Discussions are hosted on an annual basis by the President of Georgia in order to provide a forum for leading security professionals and policymakers. The aim of the discussions is to share ideas and develop forward-looking approaches and policy recommendations for tackling challenges to national, regional and wider European security.

Continuing the traditional inclusive spirit of the Tbilisi Strategic Discussions, this year's edition is organized in cooperation with a wide range of security community partners from the Euro-Atlantic area: the Atlantic Council (AC) and Atlantic Council Georgia (ACG); the Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP); the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS); the Georgian Strategic Analysis Centre (GCAS); and The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF).

Please review the attached agenda for more details regarding the workshop. We look forward to your RSVP to tsd@nsc.gov.ge by Friday, November 13, 2017. Should you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Natia Trapaidze at the NSC office at ntrapaidze@nsc.gov.ge.

We would be delighted to have you present at the workshop and hear your thoughts and opinions, which will be of great value and importance to the workshop's overall success.

Sincerely,

David Rakviashvili

Concept Note
TBILISI STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS
December 4-5, 2017

Rationale

Global context - Global insecurity and instability primarily stem from the multiplicity of authoritarian regimes and proxies thereof. The Putin regime in Russia, Kim Jong-Un's regime in North Korea and non-state actors in the greater Middle East—often acting as proxies for authoritarian states—are engaged in a full-fledged hybrid war against the democratic West and its allies. The major battlefield cuts through the rules-based, liberal international system which has maintained peace in the Euro-Atlantic area since the end of the Second World War. The information revolution has been instrumentalized by illiberal threats from within and without, further facilitating the rise of populism across the West. Hybrid warfare has become the new normal in the 21st century, a tool to undermine Euro-Atlantic security and Western values. Building resilience against these modern threats is an uphill task not only for small countries such as Georgia but for the entire Euro-Atlantic community. At a time of constant struggle, the importance of transatlantic unity and solidarity is as vital as any time since the end of the Cold War”.

Regional context – While mounting a broad-based challenge to the West, Russia has managed to shift the military balance to its advantage in the most exposed frontline of its eastern flank - the wider Black Sea region. Precisely in this region have the fundamental principles of the post-Cold War European security architecture been most consistently tested by Russia, starting in Georgia and continuing in Ukraine. Destabilization, occupation and annexation have long been Russia's revanchist tools for intimidating Western interests, allies and values in the Black Sea region. Since the annexation of Crimea, Russia's unprecedented military buildup has created extensive A2AD bubbles and given it an extraordinary capacity to reach NATO capitals with sophisticated missile systems. The Kremlin is attempting to reinforce its aggressive posture through regular drills and exercises. A unified approach and joint actions in deterring those shared threats will largely determine whether the region can fulfil its historic mission of connectivity between East and West for the benefit of all or become a new dividing wall in contemporary Europe.

Georgian context – Regular infringement of the fundamental rights of residents living in the occupied territories of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region are the sad reality. That includes restrictions of the freedom of movement and access to education in one's native language. Day to day, Russia's provocative actions along and within the occupation line result in the creeping annexation of those territories into Russia's economic, military, social and information space. The so-called “defense agreement” with the occupation regime in Tskhinvali, which involved the merger of local armed groups with the Russian armed forces and later a referendum to change the name of the occupied region, was viewed by the Georgian public as an indirect threaten of annexation. Borderization, the moving of the occupation line, constantly calls into question the Georgian government's ability to respond. This fuels public tension and distrust in state institutions as well as Georgia's international partners. An adequate response to this full-fledged hybrid war urgently calls for unequivocal political and practical support from Georgia's international partners, as well as for more Western visibility and presence in Georgia. Georgia's realistic and positive integration agenda for next year's NATO summit— which will mark the 10-year anniversary of the historic Bucharest Summit, provides a good opportunity to send a strong message of unity from Brussels.

Objectives

At this strategic moment, the President of Georgia H.E Giorgi Margvelashvili tasked his Administration and the Office of the National Security Council to co-organize this year's addition of the **annual workshop** in the frame of "TBILISI STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS" on December 4-5. The **agenda** of the event is designed to discuss the security milestones achieved in 2017, address the most pressing current security factors and provide a view for coming years.

Building on the rich **tradition of engaging the full spectrum of the security community** of Georgia and its partner countries within the frames of the Strategic Discussions, the event will host a mixed group of decision makers, opinion shapers, thought leaders and politicians. The aim is to continue an **inclusive process** of developing new approaches for dealing with shared problems.

The overarching objective of the event is to link Georgia to the vital interests of the West and tie its interests into the Euro-Atlantic foreign and security policymaking process. The target is not only to keep Georgia on the "radar screen" of the West, but to move ahead to the so called "window of opportunity" towards European and Euro-Atlantic institutions. As the challenges faced are complex, the **discussions will focus on developing a unified, strategic vision** of the future of Georgia's surrounding region in a broader European context.

During the Strategic Discussions the participants will brainstorm on possible strategies for tackling security challenges in Georgia and the region. Policy recommendations for Georgia's government and its international partners will be developed based on the discussions. More specifically, the workshop aims to facilitate discussion along the lines of the new **vision initiated by the President of Georgia, "National Security of Georgia – Whole of Nation Approach."**

Format

Based on the event objectives of, there will be three main topics discussed in three sessions:

- Common challenges to Black Sea security in the wider European context;
- NATO and the upcoming 2018 Summit;
- Building Georgia's resilience against hybrid threats.

In order to provide maximum engagement and ensure widely inclusive discussions, each session will be co-hosted by a Georgian and international think tank.

With the aim to facilitate open and frank discussions, the workshop will be conducted under the Chatham House rules. Participants will be asked to engage in lively debates, **present original ideas and suggest bold initiatives**. Representatives of the NSC office will take detailed notes based on a non-attribution policy. Based on the notes, the NSC together with the key partners from the think tank community, will produce a set of specific initiatives and policy recommendations.

In conclusion of the event, a selected group of participants will inform the President of Georgia about the key points raised during the discussions in a closed policy session.

Agenda Outline

Session 1: Co-hosted by the Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)

Militarization of the Black Sea region – occupation, annexation, destabilization – what can be done?

- Raise awareness on the regional challenges within and outside - is the European security paradigm at stake in Georgia?
- Back to the basics of security, economy and values: Black Sea – a bridge or a wall?
- What can be the possible response to Russia's aggressive policies such as creeping annexation and borderisation?

Session 2: Co-hosted by the Atlantic Council Georgia (ACG) and the Atlantic Council (ACUS)

NATO's enhanced role on the Eastern front – what can Georgia achieve?

- 2018 NATO Summit - Promoting security in the region
- Niche capabilities - reliable partnership for countering Moscow's militarization
- NATO and Georgian security: what steps can be taken now?
- Mapping a path to NATO for Georgia - 10 years from the Bucharest Declaration

Session 3: Co-hosted by the Georgian Strategic Analysis Centre (GCAS) and German Marshal Fund (GMF)

National Security Strategies for Defending against Foreign Influence Operations: The Whole of Nation Approach

- Structural changes and national security policies governments should implement to effectively counter hybrid threats from foreign actors
- Building blocks of the whole of nation approach – total defense, joint military and civilian efforts and public resilience
- The role of international cooperation in deterrence and resilience building – strengthening values and securing democracy

Possible side events

Wrap up policy dinner with the president

Visit ABL and occupation museum (meeting with the minister of defense)

Possible outcomes

Deliver three documents initiated by the President's team and supported by the security community:

1. Outline of Georgia's NATO integration strategy
2. Outline of Georgia's national security review
3. Joint appeal to the international community on the urgent need of a unified strategic approach to counter occupation and annexation in the Black sea region

The President's team, with the support and involvement of the security community, will continue work on three initiatives with the aim to deliver comprehensive final documents by fall 2018.

**Tbilisi Strategic Discussions
Draft Agenda**

Time	Monday, December 4 th , 2017
10:30	Depart for Administrative Boundry Line (ABL)
12:00-12:30	Visit to the Occupation Line in (Location TBC)
12:30	Depart to the David Agmashenebeli National Defence Academy of Georgia <i>Venue: Tskhinvali Highway, Gori</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch hosted by Mr. Levan Izoria, Minister of Defense of Georgia <i>Venue: David Agmashenebeli National Defence Academy of Georgia</i>
14:10-14:45	Welcome remarks by Mr. David Rakviashvili, Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia Presentation by Mr. Levan Izoria, Minister of Defense of Georgia (Defense reforms)
14:45-15:00	Introduction to the Tbilisi Strategic Discussions format, expectations and deliverables
15:00-17:00	Session 1: Co-hosted by the Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) and the Konrad Adensauer Foundation (KAS) <u>Millitarization of the Black Sea region – occupation, annexation, and destabilization – what can be done?</u> Moderated by: Mr. Benjamin Fricke (KAS) and Mr. Joseph Larsen (GIP) Discussion topics: ◦ Tackling regional challenges within and outside – European security at stake in Georgia ◦ Strengthening security, prosperity and values: Unified approach towards more connectivity ◦ Responding to Russia's aggressive policies such as occupation and creeping annexation Speakers: ◦ TBA Discussion: interventions and reflections by Participants
17:00	Departure to Tbilisi
18:00	Arrival to Rooms Hotel - free time <i>Address: 14 Merab Kostava St, Tbilisi 0108</i>
19:00-21:00	Parallel thematic dinner sessions Dinner session 1: Black Sea region and connectivity: back to the basics of security, prosperity and values Dinner session 2: Mapping a path to NATO for Georgia - 10 years from the Bucharest Declaration Dinner session 3: National security policies governments should implement to effectively counter hybrid threats
21:00	Georgian wine and cheese tasting

Time	Tuesday, December 5 th , 2017
09:00 -09:25	REGISTRATION <i>Venue: Presidential Palace, Abdushelishvili str. 1</i>
09:30 -10:30	Welcome & Opening remarks Welcome remarks and moderation: Mr. David Rakviashvili – Secretary, National Security Council of Georgia Opening Remarks: H.E. Giorgi Margvelashvili – President of Georgia Q&A by moderators of the sessions Key note Speaker: (TBC)
10:30 -11:00	Coffee brake
11:00-11:30	Moderated Q&A with Mr. Victor Dolidze, State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration
11:30 -13:30	Session 2: Co-hosted by the Atlantic Council Georgia (ACG) and the Atlantic Council (ACUS) <u>NATO's enhanced role on the Eastern flank – mapping Georgia's path to NATO?</u> Moderated by: Mr. Daniel Fried (ACUS) and Mr. David Sikharulidze (ACGE) • 2018 NATO Summit - Promoting security in the region and countering Moscow's militarization • Reliable partnership - How can Georgia contribute more to Euro-atlantic security? • NATO and Georgian security: what steps can be taken now? Speakers: • TBA Discussion: Interventions and reflections by Participants
13:30 -14:30	Networking Lunch
14:30 -15:00	Presentation by Mr. Jakub Janda, Head of Kremlin watch program, European values think-tank: State of play of countermeasures to Russian hostile influence & disinformation in EU countries
15:00-17:00	Session 3: Co-hosted by the Georgian Strategic Analysis Centre (GCAS) and German Marshal Fund (GMF) <u>National Security Strategies for Defending against Hybrid Foreign Influence: The Whole of Nation Approach</u> Moderated by: Mr. David Salvo (GMF) and Mr. Nodar Kharshiladze (GSAC) Discussion topics: • National security strategies and policies to effectively counter hybrid threats from foreign actors • Adapting national security architecture and enhancing territorial defense capabilities • Role of international cooperation in deterrence and resilience-building: strengthening values and securing democracy Speakers: • TBA Discussion: Interventions and reflections by Participants
17:00-17:20	Coffee break

17:20-17:50	Presentation of the workshop deliverables: Deliverable 1: Outline of Georgia's NATO integration strategy Deliverable 2: Outline of Georgia's national security review Deliverable 3: Joint appeal to the international community on the urgent need of a unified strategic approach to counter occupation and annexation in the Black sea region
17:50-18:00	Presentation of the Alliance for strengthening Democracies by GMF
18:00-18:15	Closing remarks and way ahead by Mr. David Rakviashvili , Secretary, NSCG
18:30-19:30	Presentation of David Kramner's Book [Optional] <i>Venue: Writers' House of Georgia; 13 Ivane Machabeli St, Tbilisi</i>
20:00	Strategy dinner with the President of Georgia [by invitations]

Some of the confirmed participants include:

Full Name	Position
Michael Carpenter	<i>Senior Director, Penn Biden Center</i>
Luke Coffey	<i>The Heritage Foundation</i>
William Cortney	<i>Former US Ambassador to Georgia</i>
Daniel Fried	<i>Distinguished fellow, ACUS</i>
David Salvo	<i>GMF</i>
David Kramer	<i>McCain institute</i>
LtCol Olaf Wiedenfeld	<i>Strategic analysis unit at Norfolk</i>
Nona Mikhelidze	<i>PhD - Senior Fellow EU and Neighbourhood Program Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)</i>
John Herbst	<i>Director Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, ACUS</i>
Jakub Janda	<i>Head of Kremlin Watch Program and Deputy Director at the European Values Think-Tank</i>
Steven Blockmans	<i>Senior research fellow and the head of the 'EU foreign policy' and 'politics and institutions' units of the Center of European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels</i>
Amanda Paul	<i>Senior Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre (EPC), Brussels</i>