

APRIL 5, 2011 - House of the Armed Forces, Sarajavo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

9.00

Preparation for the planning and implementation of the NATO Membership Action Plan

- Slovak experts and officials will summarize the most important areas that needed to be addressed in Slovakia's process of implementation of the NATO Membership Action Plan as well as stress the issues that NATO focused on mostly
- Again, the Bosnian officials will be given room to raise the most disputed issues of their agenda

Speakers: **Amb. (Ret.) Rastislav Káčer** – President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission; former Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the USA; former Secretary of State of the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic

Amb. Vladimír Jakabčín - Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Turkey; in the pre-accession era responsible for implementation of the NATO Membership Action Plan

13.00

Introduction of the Defence Review process that has currently been being carried out in Slovakia

- As indicated, Bosnia and Herzegovina is preparing for the overall defense review process. In Slovakia such activity is currently culminating. Therefore we believe it would be of a high essence to introduce the main features of this process to Bosnian partners

Speakers: **Miroslav Mizera** – Counsellor, Office of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic; currently charged with preparation of the strategic defence review

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Developing and implementing an effective communication strategy for NATO accession process

- The issue of how to communicate the most delicate questions of the NATO membership will be addressed, as well as other important issues, such as what the main target groups to be addressed are or what means of communication are best to be used etc.

Speakers: **Oľga Gyárfášová** - Analyst, Institute for Public Affairs; dealt with communication with public about the NATO and EU issues