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New strategic issues

High-Level Conference

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Venue: *Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel - Via Alberto Cadlolo 101*

13,45 – 14,30 CET *Participants Registration*

14,30 – 14,40 *Welcome Remarks*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome *
- **Christopher Schnaubelt**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome *

14,40 – 14,50 *Opening Remarks*

- **Nicola de Santis**, Head, Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ, Brussels *

14,50 – 16,05

FIRST PANEL

THE EVOLVING THREAT OF NON-STATE ACTORS AND TRAFFICKING

The recent developments in Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and the Sabel region have shown that criminal violence has become much more relevant than in the past because it is a very important component of local conflicts that have often wider global repercussions. These groups are supported by several illegal trades that finance irregular forces and the development of additional criminal markets. How have these phenomena changed? What geopolitical impact do they have in crisis areas?

Chair: **Paul Radu**, Co-founder, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project, Sarajevo *

- **Louise Shelley**, Director, Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, Fairfax, USA *
- **Michele Riccardi**, Deputy Director, Transcrime, Università Cattolica, Milan *
- **TBC**
- **Piergiorgio Marini**, Manager, Illicit Trade Prevention, External Affairs, Philip Morris International, Rome *

Q&A Session

16,05 – 16,35

Coffee Break

16,35 – 17,50

SECOND PANEL

THE TWIN SIDES OF INDO-PACIFIC INSTABILITIES

The region features two sides of instabilities: one more visible, especially in the maritime sphere, revolved around the security implications of the rise of China (risks, opportunities, technologies, deterrence and next NATO Strategic Concept) and the other more diffused among different countries. The Indo-Pacific region is characterised by a host of long-standing and ongoing internal conflicts that are less visible but that risk to jeopardize the rule of law and the stability of all major actors in the region. What is the overall stability of the area? How can international cooperation assist in mitigating internecine conflicts, illegal trade, terrorism and organised crime?

Chair: **Giulia Pompili**, Journalist, Il Foglio Quotidiano, Rome *

- **Peter Neumann**, Director, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King's College, London*
- **Gareth Price**, Senior Research Fellow, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House, London
- **Samina Ahmed**, Project Director South Asia, International Crisis Group, Islamabad *
- **Raimondo Neironi**, Research Fellow, T.wai, Turin *

Q&A Session

17,50 – 18,05

Coffee Break

18,05 – 19,20

THIRD PANEL

THE ROLE OF SPACE: NEW TOOLS AND CAPABILITIES

Space is today a much more diverse and changing environment for reasons pertaining technology, new business models and applications overlapping between civil and military spheres, also in the fight against non-state actors. What the concrete means to enhance the surveillance on criminal networks and trafficking?

Chair: **Andrea Gilli**, Senior Researcher, NATO Defense College, Rome

- **Pascal Legai**, Senior Adviser to the Director General, ESA, Paris *
- **Rodrigo da Costa**, Executive Director, European Union Agency for the Space Programme, Prague
- **Enrico Savio**, Chief Strategy & Market Intelligence Officer, Leonardo Spa, Rome

Q&A Session

19,20 – 19,30

Closing Remarks

TBD

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