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Security Towards 2030: Adapting to New Realities

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Monday, February 1st 2021

Opening Session: NATO 2030: The Way Forward

Time: 09:30-11:00

Chaired by: **Kate Hansen Bundt**, Secretary General, The Norwegian Atlantic Committee

NATO is facing broader and more complex security challenges than ever before. Russia continues to show its military muscles, China is edging closer to NATO's sphere of interest, and the security situation in the Middle East and North Africa has deteriorated. At the same time, we are witnessing troubling increase in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, cyber-attacks, security challenges caused by climate change, as well as a global pandemic that has put transatlantic credibility, solidarity, and unity to the test. In order to handle these diverse challenges, Secretary General of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg, has stressed that the time has come to update the decade old strategic concept of the Alliance. Some of the questions we will try to answer during this session is, how will NATO continue to reassure its relevance on both sides of the Atlantic? Will the Alliance be able to safeguard the interests of all its 30 member states? What about the entering Biden administration – will it contribute to strengthen the transatlantic relationship? Are European NATO members ready to take on more responsibility in defending its own interests at home? And will Europe be able to unite and set sail for a common direction?

09.30-09.35 **Kate Hansen Bundt**, Secretary General, The Norwegian Atlantic Committee
Words of Welcome

09.35-10.05 **Jens Stoltenberg**, Secretary General of NATO
Keynote address

Q&As

10.05-10.20 **Federica Mogherini**, Rector of the College of Europe and former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2014-2019) in conversation with **Kate Hansen Bundt**, moderator

10.20-10.25 **Barbara Kunz**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg in conversation with **Kate Hansen Bundt**, moderator

10.25-11.00 Panel discussion

Barbara Kunz, Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg

Øyvind Østerud, Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo

Paal Sigurd Hilde, Associate Professor, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

Janne Haaland Matlary, Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo and Adjunct Professor, Norwegian Command and Staff College

Q&A Please submit your questions to the panelists [here](#)

Tuesday, February 2nd 2021

Session II: Building Resilience to Foreign Interference

Time: 09.30-11.00

Chaired by: Cecilie Hellestveit, Norwegian Academy of International Law

The past decade's increasing rivalry and level of conflict in international security politics have coincided with a digital revolution which has made technology, information, and online media much more accessible. This rapid digitalization has set the scene for actors to exploit a variety of new means and methods, commonly referred to as hybrid threats. These methods are designed to be difficult to detect and attribute, as they seek to create confusion, doubt, and chaos, with the aim to influence public opinion, disturb decision making and to undermine political trust and unity. How should we confront these challenges at a local, national, and global level? Is our current model of democracy compatible with the digital era that we are entering? And how should we work to equip our society with sufficient resilience to withstand these various hybrid threats?

09.30-09.32 **Kate Hansen Bundt**, Secretary General, The Norwegian Atlantic Committee
Words of Welcome

09.32-09.45 **Francis Fukuyama**, Olivier Nomellini Senior Fellow at Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute and Mosbacher Director of the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), Director of the Ford Dorsey Master's in International Policy Program at Stanford
How to save democracy from technology

09.45-09.55 **Thomas Rid**, Professor of Strategic Studies, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
Influence operations: more active, less measured

09.55-10.10 **Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide**, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs in conversation with **Cecilie Hellestveit**, moderator
Influence operations and the threat to democracy

10.10-11.00 Panel discussion and Q&As

Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Knut Magnus Berge, News Editor, NRK News (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation)

Geir Hågen Karlsen, Lieutenant colonel, Norwegian Defence University College

Karsten Friis, Senior research Fellow and Head of Research Group on Security and Defence, NUPI

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