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NATO SMART DEFENCE AGENDA

The Challenge of Implementation

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'Smart defence' will be a key item in the agenda of NATO's summit in Chicago on May 20-21, 2012. In a time of severe budget constraints, NATO member states struggle to maintain an adequate level of military capabilities to meet the Alliance's strategic objectives. Rationalisation, elimination of duplication and redundancies, pooling and sharing of capabilities (including in the procurement, equipment, training, etc. field) are some of the options at NATO's disposal to 'do more with less', that is, to maximise a diminished defence budget so as to maintain the current level of performance.

AGENDA

15:30-16:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

16:00-16:10 WELCOME ADDRESS

Stefano Silvestri, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali

16:10-16:30 **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: NATO'S SMART DEFENCE AGENDA**

Holger Bahle, Defence Policy and Planning Division, International Staff, NATO

16:30-17:30 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - WHEN LESS IS MORE: IMPLEMENTING NATO'S SMART DEFENCE AGENDA**

Chair: **Ettore Greco**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Speakers: **Michael Clarke**, Director General, Royal United Service Institute

François Heisbourg, Chairman of the Council, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Alberto De Benedictis, Chief Executive Officer, Finmeccanica UK

17:30-18:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Giampaolo Di Paola, Italy's Minister of Defence

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