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EU – RUSSIA MODERNIZATION PARTNERSHIP WILL IT WORK?

Tuesday, 7th September 2010

Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency, Bagatela street 12, Warsaw

PROGRAM

12:30 – 13:00 Registration

13:00 – 13:10 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Janusz Reiter, President and Founder, Center for International Relations
- Fraser Cameron, Director, EU-Russia Centre
- Maciej Górski, Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency

13:15 – 15:00 **Panel 1: Russian Foreign Policy – a New Era?**

Chair: Eugeniusz Smolar, Center for International Relations

Continuity and change in Russian foreign policy? What importance of the Georgia war 2008 and of Ukraine elections? – is Moscow feeling more secure now to 'open up' towards the West? Are the economic problems so acute that Russian elite feels there is no alternative? How does Russia view the Group of Experts document on the new NATO Strategic Concept, the role of the European Union, OSCE and the Council of Europe? How cooperative has Russia been with regard to Iran and Afghanistan?

Polish-Russian relations – was Katyń a turning point? What is needed to strengthen the positive trends in bilateral relations?

INTRODUCTION: Prof. Adam D. Rotfeld – former Poland's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Polish-Russian Group for Difficult Matters, member of NATO's Group of Experts on the New Strategic Concept

- Georgy Bovt – political observer, co-chairman of the Russian democratic party, 'Right Deed'
- Fraser Cameron – Director, EU-Russia Centre
- Wolfgang Templin – Director, Heinrich Böll Foundation Warsaw

DISCUSSION

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee/tea break

15:15 – 15:40 **HE Henryk Litwin – Undersecretary of State at the MFA:**
Poland and EU Partnership for Modernization with the Russian Federation

15:40 – 17:30 **Panel 2: The Modernisation Partnership – Will it Work?**

Chair: Prof. Erhard Busek – President, EU-Russia Centre

How serious are economic and social problems in Russia? Who is pressing for change? Can there be economic reform without political reform? Does Russia really want to join the WTO? The future of PCA. Problems of attracting FDI to Russia in absence of the rule of law and in the presence of omnipresent corruption? Impact of reduced EU demand for Russian energy? Possible long-term impact of shale gas discoveries on Russia's and EU's economic development?

- Prof. Marek Dąbrowski – Professor of Economics, President of CASE - Center for Social and Economic Research in Warsaw, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for the Economy in Transition, Moscow
- Hilde Hardemann – Head of Russia Unit, DG RELEX, European Commission
- Prof. Alan Riley – Professor of Law, City Law School, City University. Specialist in competition law, energy liberalisation and energy security, adviser to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
- Dr. Janusz Onyszkiewicz – Center for International Relations, former Poland's Minister of National Defence, former Vice-President of the European Parliament.

DISCUSSION

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