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15.00-16.00 OPENING CEREMONY

- Opening of the Online Spring Session by Gerald E. CONNOLLY (United States), President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.
- Address by Karin ENSTRÖM (Sweden), Head of the Swedish delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.
- Address by Peter HULTQVIST (Sweden), Swedish Minister for Defence.

16.30-19.30 POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Lord CAMPBELL of PITTENWEEM (United Kingdom), Chairperson

- Roundtable discussion on Security and Political Challenges Emanating from Russia:

Presentation by Gudrun PERSSON, Associate Professor and Deputy Research Director of the Russia and Eurasia Studies Programme at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) on Russian Security Policy Priorities: *A View from Sweden*.

- Consideration of the preliminary draft General Report: [*Confronting Russia's Continuing Geopolitical and Ideological Challenge*](#) by Brendan BOYLE (United States), Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report: [*The NATO Agenda for Security in the Mediterranean*](#) by Sonia KRIMI (France), Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report: [*The Transatlantic Link and Burden Sharing in the Changing Strategic Environment*](#) by Ahmet YILDIZ (Turkey), Rapporteur.

SATURDAY 15 MAY

15.00-18.00 ECONOMICS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Philippe FOLLIOT (France), Chairperson

- Presentation by John HASSLER, Professor and Deputy Director at the Institute for International Economic Studies at Stockholm University, on A Swedish Perspective on the Global Economic Outlook.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report:
[*The Global Economic Crisis: Implications and Prospects*](#) by Faik ÖZTRAK (Turkey), Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft General Report:
[*Allied Defence Spending: Enduring Threats and New Constraints*](#) by Christian TYBRING-GJEDDE (Norway), General Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report:
[*Belarus: Political, Economic and Diplomatic Challenges*](#) by Michal SZCZERBA (Poland), Rapporteur

15.00-18.00 COMMITTEE ON THE CIVIL DIMENSION OF SECURITY MEETING

Angel TILVAR (Romania), Chairperson

- Presentation by Sara MYRDAL, Director of International Affairs, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), on Swedish-Finnish Experiences in Strengthening Resilience through Civil Preparedness.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft General Report:
[*Enhancing the Resilience of Allied Societies through Civil Preparedness*](#) by Joëlle GARRIAUD MAYLAM (France), General Rapporteur.
- Panel Discussion on Disinformation
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Special Report:
[*Bolstering the Democratic Resilience of the Alliance against Disinformation and Propaganda*](#) by Linda SANCHEZ (United States), Special Rapporteur.
- Presentation by Tor-Björn ÅSTRAND, Head of R&D Branch, Counter Information Influence Section, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), on The Impact of Disinformation on Democratic Resilience.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report:
[*Ten years after the Arab Spring: Democratic Expectations and Disillusions*](#) by Anissa KHEDHER (France), Rapporteur

SUNDAY 16 MAY

15.00-18.00 DEFENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Michael R. TURNER (United States), Chairperson

- Presentation by Johan LAGERLÖF, Defence Policy Director, Swedish Ministry of Defence.
- Presentation by John MANZA, Assistant Secretary General for Operations at NATO on Afghanistan: Allied Withdrawal and Beyond.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft General Report: [International Arms Control: Challenges Ahead](#) by Cédric PERRIN (France), Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report: [Security Challenges in the High North](#) by Jean-Charles LARSONNEUR (France), Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report: [China's Defence Posture: Implications for NATO](#) by Lara MARTINHO (Portugal), Rapporteur.

15.00-18.00 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Kevan JONES (United Kingdom), Chairperson

- Consideration of the preliminary draft General Report: [Enhancing NATO S&T Cooperation with Asian Partners](#) by Nusrat GHANI (United Kingdom), General Rapporteur.
- Presentation by Dr Tarja CRONBERG, Distinguished Associate Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), on The Iranian Nuclear Programme.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Special Report: [Space and Security - NATO's Role](#) by Karl-Heinz BRUNNER (Germany), Special Rapporteur.
- Consideration of the preliminary draft Report: [Biological Weapons: Technological Progress and the Spectre of Bioterrorism in the Post-Covid-19 Era](#) by Leona ALLESLEV (Canada), Rapporteur.

16.30-18.30 PLENARY SITTING

- Opening of the Plenary Sitting by Gerald E. CONNOLLY (United States), President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.
- Address by Mircea GEOANĂ (Romania), NATO Deputy Secretary General.

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