



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS  
SEIMAS

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
“CONTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTS TO NATO ENLARGEMENT”**

27–28 March 2014  
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
Vilnius

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 27 March**

Arrival of the participants

18.30 Departure by bus from the hotels for dinner in the restaurant “Stikliai”

19.00 Dinner hosted by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Artūras PAULAUSKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence  
*Venue: restaurant “Stikliai”, Gaono str.7, Vilnius*

21.00 Return to the hotels by bus

**Friday, 28 March**

8.00 Departure for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania by bus

8.00–9.00 Registration of the participants  
*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas*

**OPENING SESSION**

*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas*

9.00–9.30 Welcome address by H. E. Ms Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (tbc)

Welcome address by President Valdas ADAMKUS (tbc)

Welcome address by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs

Welcome address by Artūras PAULAUSKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence

## SESSION I

### **European States on the road of trans-Atlantic integration after the Cold War: main achievements and the role of parliaments**

*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas*

Speakers:

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| 09.30–09.50 | Dr. h.c. Karl A. LAMERS, President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Vice-President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly              |
| 09.50–10.10 | Linas LINKEVIČIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania   |
| 10.10–10.30 | Major General (ret.) Corneliu DOBRIȚOIU, Chairman of the Committee for Defence, Public Order and National Security, Senate of Romania |
| 10.30–12.00 | Debate  |
| 12.00–12.15 | Family photo<br><i>Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas</i>   |
| 12.15–13.30 | Lunch<br><i>Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas</i>  |
| 13.00–13.30 | Press conference<br><i>Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building 2 of the Seimas</i>   |

## SESSION II

### **Towards the 2014 NATO Summit: prospects and implications of possible NATO enlargement in view of addressing new security challenges**

*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas*

Speakers:

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| 13.30–13.50 | Adam SCHIFF, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman of the Baltic Caucus   |
| 13.50–14.10 | Juozas OLEKAS, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania                  |
| 14.10–14.30 | Irakli SESIASHVILI, Chairman of the Defence and Security Committee, Parliament of Georgia |

- 14.30–14.50 Lieutenant General Arvydas POCIUS, Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
- 14.50–15.10 Borys TARASYUK, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Cooperation between the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and NATO (tbc)
- 15.10–16.00 Debate
- End of the Conference
- Departure of participants

