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FINAL PROGRAM

Day 1

16.12.2010, Thursday

14:30 – Opening: Jan Piekło, PAUCI

15:10 – 15:50 – Welcoming remarks: Radosław Sikorski, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Alexander Kwaśniewski, former President of Poland

15:50 – Panel I : The Ukrainian political scene after the presidential election. Consolidation of the political system or a threat to democracy?

Moderation: Volodymyr Zaryckyj, New York University, CUSUR

Panelists: Susan Stewart, SWP, Berlin; Andryj Portnov, „Ukraina Moderna“ Editor, Kyiv; Adrian Karatnycky, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council of the US

Victor Yanukovych's political party was able to put together a parliamentary majority soon after his victory in the presidential election, despite doubts about the constitutionality of the move. Significant changes were made in the state administration with loyalty to Yanukovych as the main criterion for appointments. There were attempts to strengthen state control over the media. Two important private broadcasters were deprived of their license to carry public affairs and news programs in certain regions. The police, the SBU and other security services have grown in importance. The opposition, which is divided, is being marginalized. Some Polish and German analysts described this state of affairs as a consolidation of state power needed to implement painful social and economic reforms brought about by the financial crisis. However, others are talking of a return to authoritarianism in Ukrainian politics. This panel will present views of Polish, German and Ukrainian experts on this issue as well as provide political scenarios for Ukraine in 2011.

17:00 – coffee break

17.15 – Panel II: Changes in direction for Ukraine's foreign policy in 2010

Moderation: Nico Lange, KAS, Kyiv

Panelists: Alyona Getmanchuk, Institute of World Policy, Kyiv; Ruprecht Polenz, CDU, Berlin; Jacek Protasiewicz, MEP, Warsaw, Hryhoriy Nemyria, BYuT, Kyiv, Oleh Rybachuk, Suspilnist

Those who see the present Ukrainian government as being pro-Russian are being proved right. The government has prolonged the lease for the Russian Black Sea fleet in Crimea till 2040. It has accepted the status quo in Transnistria leaving Russian troops as the only peace keepers in the area and signed the numerous strategic agreements on economic cooperation with Russia. On the other hand the government has placed store by its pro UE policies and is preparing to sign an Association Treaty with the European Union. It is also maintaining its military cooperation with NATO.

19:00 – **Dinner**

Day 2, 17.12.2010, Friday

9:00 – Panel III : The economic situation in Ukraine: challenges and accomplished reforms

Moderation: Dariusz Rosati, Baltic Business Forum, Warsaw

Panelists: Iryna Akimova, Office of the President, Kyiv; Marcin Łwiłcicki, UNDP expert, Kiev; Robert Kirchner, German Advisory Group, Berlin; Jacek Piechota, Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Warsaw.

The Ukrainian economy needs fundamental reforms. Which have been brought in by the new government and which problems remain to be resolved? Is the government's policy well thought through and does the government have the will to implement change. Where does the government need help? The panel would also look at problems such as the introduction of a free trade zone between Ukraine and the EU and economic relations between Ukraine, Poland and Germany.

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 **Key-note speech**, Günther **Oettinger**, EC Commissioner for Energy (TBC).

11.20 – **Panel IV: Energy dilemmas**

Moderation: Krzysztof Bobiński, UE & Poland Foundation

Panelists: Myhaylo Gonchar, Nomos Center, Kyiv; Filip Elianowski, ARP expert, Warsaw; Dr Frank Umbach, CESS, Berlin, Reinhard Bütikofer, former leader of The Greens, MEP, Berlin, Keith Smith, CSIS, Washington DC.

Energy cooperation remains one of the most difficult issues in relations between Ukraine and the EU. There is the problem of the modernization of Ukraine's pipe line system, the energy efficiency of its enterprises and the degree to which Ukraine remains dependent on Russia in the fields of gas and electricity. Other topics include Ukraine's efforts to join the Energy Community, plans for developing the alternative, energy saving technologies and reducing CO2 emission.

13.00 – **Panel V: Ukraine in the modern world**

Closing Remarks: Leonid Krawchuk, former president of Ukraine, Daniel Rotfeld, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland

This session is designed to sum up the conference. Former president from Ukraine Leonid Kravchuk and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland Daniel Rotfeld will present their vision of Ukraine's position in the modern world and its role in the future with special bearing on relations with Poland and German.

14.30 – **End of the conference**

15.00 – **Lunch**

Conference languages: Polish, German, Ukrainian, English



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