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**Taking Measure of Ukraine's
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XI, an all day event at the National Press Club on March 5, 2020, will feature six panel discussions dedicated to gauging the defense needs of Ukraine that require the most immediate attention, particularly in the aftermath of the renewed Normandy talks and US' impeachment/trial travails. The gathering will also give prominence to reflections by senior Ukrainian and US government officials aimed at considering why Ukraine's security matters both to its neighbors and the world at large.

DIALOGUE INVOCATION

*Oh Lord, Master of Heaven and Earth
You have graced Ukraine with Liberty,
We beseech you to help Her sustain
Your precious gift*

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PROGRAM

**US-Ukraine Security Dialogue XI:
Taking Measure of Ukraine's Most Pressing
Security Requirements
March 5, 2020**

Venue: National Press Club - 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor, Washington DC

8:30 am – 9:00 am – Registration

9:00 am – 9:25 am – Words of Welcome

HE Volodymyr Yelchenko [Ambassador of Ukraine to the US]
Hon. Andrew Harris [US Representative R-MD]

9:25 am – 10:35 am – Dialogue Panel Discussion I

***Theme: Preparing for the Most Compelling Threats to the Security of Ukraine
(Contemplating a Black Sea Strategy)***

Moderator: Steven Blank [Foreign Policy Research Institute]

Panelists: Ihor Kabanenko [Ukrainian Advanced Research Project Agency]
Glenn Howard [Jamestown Foundation]

10:35 am – 10:40 am – Coffee Break

10:40 am – 11:50 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion II

***Theme: Accelerating the Reform of Ukraine's Security Cadre Development Capabilities &
Military-Industrial Complex***

Moderator: Luke Coffey [FPC/The Heritage Foundation]

Panelists: Viktor Yahun [Agency for the Reform of the Security Sector]
Michael Carpenter [BCD/University of Pennsylvania]

11:50 am – 1:00 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion III

***Theme: Optimizing the Outcome of the New Normandy Talks (and Preparing for Possible
Pitfalls)***

Moderator: Jonathan Katz [German Marshall Fund]

Panelists: John Herbst [EAC/Atlantic Council of the United States]
Volodymyr Vasylenko [Ukrainian Strategic Initiative]

1:00 pm – 1:20 pm – Lunch Break
[Period for Press Interviews]

1:20 pm – 2:30 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion IV

Theme: Developing a Comprehensive Strategy to Counter Russian Information Warfare

Moderator: Herman Pirchner [American Foreign Policy Council]

Panelists: Andriy Kohut [State Archives/Security Service of Ukraine]
Janusz Bugajski [Center for European Policy Analysis]

2:30 pm – 3:40 pm – Dialogue Panel Discussion V

Theme: Pursuing Optimal Multilateral and Bilateral Defense Partnerships

Moderator: William Courtney [RAND Corporation]

Panelists: Hennadiy Kovalenko [NATO Strategic Allied Command Transformation HQ]
Alexander Vershbow [Atlantic Council of the United States]

3:40 pm – 3:45 pm – Coffee Break

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm – Dialogue Focus Session

Topic: Identifying/Handling Russian ‘State Sponsored Terrorist Activity’ on Ukrainian Soil

Moderator: Robert McConnell [US-Ukraine Foundation]

Presenter: Phillip Karber [Potomac Foundation/Georgetown University]

Discussant: Roman Mashovets [National Platform Foundation/Ukrainian American Veterans]

4:40 pm – 5:00 pm – A Final Word

HE Serhiy Kyslytsya [Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN]
Andrew Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Patrons’ Reception

Venue: American Foreign Policy Council
509 C Street NE
Washington DC

Host: Ilan Berman [American Foreign Policy Council]

BIOGRAPHIES

Stephen Blank is currently Senior Fellow on Russia at the American Foreign Policy Council; prior to his present position, Dr. Blank spent 24 years, 1989-2013, as a Professor of National Security Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA. His expertise covers the entire Russian and post-Soviet region and he has also written extensively on defense strategy, arms control, information warfare, energy issues, US foreign and defense policy, European, and Asian security.

Janusz Bugajski is a Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) in Washington DC and host of television shows broadcast in the Balkans. Bugajski has authored 20 books on Europe, Russia, and trans-Atlantic relations and is a columnist for several media outlets. His recent books include *Eurasian Disunion: Russia's Vulnerable Flanks* (with Margarita Assenova) (2016); *Conflict Zones: North Caucasus and Western Balkans Compared* (2014); *Return of the Balkans: Challenges to European Integration and U.S. Disengagement* (2013); and *Georgian Lessons: Conflicting Russian and Western Interests in the Wider Europe* (2010).

Michael Carpenter is Senior Director of the Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement at the University of Pennsylvania; concurrently, he is a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center. Dr. Carpenter served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense with responsibility for Russia, Ukraine, Eurasia, the Balkans, and Conventional Arms Control from Dec 2015 until January 2017. Prior to joining DOD, Dr. Carpenter served in the White House as a foreign policy adviser to Vice President Joe Biden and as director for Russia at the NSC. Previously, he was a career foreign service officer with the State Department, where he worked in a number of different positions, including deputy director of the Office of Russian Affairs, speechwriter to the under secretary of political affairs, and adviser on the South Caucasus; he also served abroad in the US Embassies in Poland, Slovenia, and Barbados.

Valeriy Chaly presently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Ukrainian Crisis Media Center; he came to the post after having served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States from 2015 to 2019. Immediately prior to his time as Ukraine's envoy to Washington, he held the position of Dep. Head of Administration of the President of Ukraine. Before his political and foreign services appointments, Ambassador Chaly worked a number of years as Deputy Director General of Ukraine's leading NGO, the Razumkov Center, gaining recognition in Ukraine as well as internationally for his efforts at the institution.

Luke Coffey is presently Director of the Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation. In his current position, he is responsible for directing policy research for the Middle East, Africa, Russia and the former Soviet Union, the Western Hemisphere, the Arctic region, and NATO. Immediately prior to his work at Heritage, Mr. Coffey was posted as a special adviser to Britain's Ministry of Defence. Earlier, he served as an officer in the United States Armed Forces, with deployments in South Europe and Afghanistan.

William Courtney is presently an adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation and executive director of the RAND Business Leaders Forum. He is also president of the U.S.-Kazakhstan Business Association, which represents U.S. exporters to and investors in Kazakhstan. In 2014 he retired from Computer Sciences Corporation as senior principal for federal policy strategy. From 1972 to 1999, he was a foreign service officer in the U.S. State Department. He co-chaired the U.S. delegation to the review conference that prepared for the 1999 Istanbul Summit of the OSCE in Europe and advised in the reorganization of U.S. foreign affairs agencies, mandated by the Foreign Affairs Reform Act of 1999. Earlier he served as special assistant to the President for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia and as Ambassador to Georgia and Kazakhstan.

Andrew J Futey, in September 2016, was elected to a four year term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent; he concurrently serves as a Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress. Mr. Futey brings more than 20 years of extensive government and campaign experience as President of Andrew J Futey & Associates. His firm provides public policy and government relations consulting, strategic planning, public affairs and campaign development strategies at the international, federal, state and local levels.

Andrew Harris MD began serving as the Representative (R) from the 1st Congressional District of Maryland in 2011; a son of immigrants who fled communist Eastern Europe immediately after World War II, he has spent a lifetime serving his neighbors, country and community—as an obstetric anesthesiologist, a Naval officer and as an elected official. He is presently posted on the Committee on Appropriations and on the following

subcommittees: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; and Homeland Security. Equally important, Rep. Harris is Co-chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus.

John Herbst is former United States Ambassador to Ukraine and presently Director for Eurasia at the Atlantic Council of the United States; immediately prior to the current posting, he served as Director of the National Defense University Center for Complex Operations. Amb. Herbst has worked as a political counselor at the US embassies in Tel Aviv, Israel, Moscow, Russia, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Director of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau of the US State Department, as Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs and as Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-large for the Newly Independent States. He was appointed Ambassador to Uzbekistan in 2000 before assuming the post of US envoy to Ukraine in 2003.

Glen Howard serves as the President of The Jamestown Foundation. Mr. Howard is fluent in Russian and proficient in Azerbaijani; a regional expert on the Caucasus and Central Asia, he was formerly an analyst at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Strategic Assessment Center. His articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, the Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, and Jane's Defense Weekly. Mr. Howard has served as a consultant to the private sector and governmental agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council and oil companies operating in Central Asia and the Middle East.

Ihor Kabanenko is a retired admiral with the Ukrainian Navy. From 1983 to 1990, he served in the Soviet Navy in various assignments, including Commander of the Ship and Chief of Staff of the Missile Ships Division. Between 1993-2013, he joined and served in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. He was appointed to the positions of Chief of Operations and Chief of Staff of the Ukrainian Navy, the Military Representative of Ukraine to NATO, Chief of Operations of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and the First Deputy Chief of Defence. Upon retiring from active service, Admiral Kabanenko took on the role of the Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Defense from May to August 2014 and the post of Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine for European Integration from August to October 2014. Currently, he is president of UARPA (Ukrainian Advanced Research Project Agency), which focuses on high-tech solutions and products for defense.

Dr. Phillip A. Karber is President of the Potomac Foundation and an internationally recognized expert in defense and national security matters. A graduate of Pepperdine University, with a PhD from Georgetown University, he has served in the U.S. Government as Strategy Advisor to the Secretary of Defense, reporting directly to him and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In academia, since 1978 he has been on the Adjunct Faculty of Georgetown University where he teaches courses on international conflict. In March 2014, the Ukrainian Government asked Dr. Karber and former NATO Commander, General (ret) Wesley Clark, to come to Ukraine to assess the military situation. Since then, the dedicated policy analyst has made 29 trips to Ukraine and spent over 180 days at the front directly observing the combat. His observations have been briefed to both the U.S. Congress and a number of European Parliaments, along with the American Department of Defense, European military leaders and the Canadian forces committed to NATO.

Jonathan Katz is a senior fellow with The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) based in the Washington, DC, office. Prior to joining GMF from 2014-17, Mr. Katz was the deputy assistant administrator in the Europe and Eurasia bureau at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he managed U.S. development policy, energy security, economic growth, and democracy, and governance programs in Europe and Eurasia. He led USAID programs in Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Eastern and Central Europe, the Black Sea and Caucasus Regions, the Western Balkans, and regional programs that included Russia. Prior to joining USAID, from 2010-14, Mr. Katz served as a senior advisor to the assistant secretary in the International Organization Affairs Bureau at the U.S. Department of State.

Andriy Kohut is presently Director of the Branch-Wise State Archive of Ukrainian Security Service. One of the authors of the so-called 'decommunization laws', Dr. Kohut has served as Acting Director of the Center for Research on the Liberation Movement and Head of the "Digital Archive of the Ukrainian Liberation Movement avr.org.ua" project as well as Expert of the "Policy of National Remembrance" working group of the "RPR" civic initiative. During the EuroMaidan (2013-2014), he was deeply involved in the movement's Civic Sector; during the Orange Revolution, he helped found the Civic Campaign "PORA!" His professional interests include: Soviet deportations, the history of communist secret services, memory policy, digital archives.

Roman Mashovets, currently working with the National Platform Foundation, the Center for Defense Reform and the Ukrainian American Veterans Association, is helping Ukraine special operations forces obtain the particular material resources they need to continue their ongoing battle against Russians and separatists in eastern Ukraine. Earlier, Commander Mashovets served in Ukraine's special forces command.

Robert McConnell, in 1981, was nominated by President Reagan to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, a position he held throughout Reagan's first term. He then was Vice President of CBS, Inc., heading the Washington Office for three years until he joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. While at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher he, along with his wife, Nadia, founded the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation which opened office in Washington and Kyiv. The Foundation is the longest running American presence in Ukraine and focuses on democratic institution building and the development of civil society. McConnell now, in addition to his work with the USUF, heads R.A. McConnell & Associates a government relations and crisis advisory firm.

Herman Pirchner, in 1982, became the founding President of the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC), a non-profit public policy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. Under his leadership, AFPC has hosted the Washington visits of hundreds of foreign officials, ranging from the Prime Minister of Malta to the Prime Minister of Russia; conducted hundreds of briefings for members of Congress and their staffs; and organized dozens of fact-finding missions abroad for current and former senior American officials. AFPC's publication program includes the sponsorship of numerous articles, monographs and books; in recent years, AFPC authors have appeared in the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Washington Times, and the Wall Street Journal (including the European and Asian editions among other prominent newspapers and magazines).

Victor Rud has practiced international law for 35 years, and before the fall of the Soviet Union represented, in the West, political prisoners persecuted by the KGB. He also served as Special Counsel to a member of the US Delegation to the Madrid Review Conference on Security & Cooperation in Europe ("Helsinki Accords"). His commentary has been carried, among others, by Forbes, Kyiv Post, Foreign Policy Association, Defense Report, Atlantic Council, Centre for Global Strategy, and EuromaidanPress. He is the founder and past Chairman of the Ukrainian American Bar Association, and currently chairs its Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Volodymyr Vasylenko is one of the most storied diplomats in modern Ukrainian history having served as Ukraine's envoy to the Benelux countries, the European Union, NATO and Great Britain/Northern Ireland as well as representing Ukraine on the UN Human Rights Council (2006-2010). Presently, he serves as Senior Advisor to an influential Ukrainian NGO - the Ukrainian Strategic Initiative, where he has been tasked with monitoring the progress of the renewed Normandy talks.

Alexander "Sandy" Vershbow is a Distinguished Fellow at the Atlantic Council's Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security in Washington DC. Ambassador Vershbow was the Deputy Secretary General of NATO from February 2012 to October 2016, the first American to hold that position. He frequently chaired meetings of the North Atlantic Council and other NATO committees. The veteran American diplomat (US envoy to S. Korea, Russia and NATO at various points in his illustrious career) was directly involved in shaping the Alliance's political response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine, in adapting NATO's strengthened deterrence and defense posture, and in deepening NATO's partnerships with non-Allies in Europe, the Middle East and Northeast Asia.

Viktor Yahun is currently a principal at the Agency for Reforms in the Security Sector of Ukraine. He comes to the task with a large reservoir of knowledge on the matter, having risen to the rank of major general in the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) in a career span nearly three decades. M/General Yahun was instrumental in restoring order to the SBU (as its second in command) after Yanukovich's regime nearly eviscerated the institution during the Revolution of Dignity.

Volodymyr Yelchenko presently serves Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States; he came to the appointment immediately after having served as Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations (2015-2019). Prior to his UN & US postings, he was Ambassador of Ukraine to Russia; he held the position from July 2010 until he was recalled for consultations in March 2014, following the illegal annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. Ambassador Yelchenko is one of the true veterans of Ukrainian diplomacy, having started in a career in foreign service in 1981.