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Prof. Uzi Arad

Founding Chairman of the Atlantic Forum of Israel and Founding Director of the Institute for Policy and Strategy at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, where he established and chairs the Annual Herzliya Conference Series on the Balance of Israel's National Security. Concurrently, Prof. Arad is the Advisor of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Prof. Arad served in the Mossad for some twenty-five years holding senior positions in Israel and abroad, his last position being Director of Intelligence, after which he was appointed the Foreign Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Prior to his career in government, he was a Professional Staff Member with the Hudson Institute in New York and a Research Fellow at Tel Aviv University's Center for Strategic Studies. Prof. Arad received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in International Relations from Princeton University, which he attended as a Fulbright scholar. He also graduated from advanced executive courses at Harvard University.

Mr. Rafael Barak

Deputy Director General, for Western Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A career diplomat since 1977, Mr. Barak's previous assignment was Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington. Immediately after his term in Washington, he was Charge' d'affaires at the Embassy of Israel in Paris. Prior to his appointment to Washington, Mr. Barak served as Deputy Director General for Coordination and Director of the Director General's Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After the signing of the Oslo Agreement in 1993, he was named the Chief Coordinator for negotiations with the Palestinians. An alumnus *cum laude* of the Rothschild Foundation Scholarship program, Mr. Barak is a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he earned an M.A. degree in Political Science.

Ms. Nomi Bar-Yaacov

Foreign Policy Adviser on Middle Eastern affairs, with additional expertise in international organisations and international law. Currently advising a number of European governments and the Foreign Affairs Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Middle East Peace Process. A regular participant in Track II meetings on the Middle East peace process and the wider region, including Iran's nuclear policy, Ms. Bar-Yaacov is also a regular commentator on Middle Eastern affairs for BBC, SKY, CNN and Al-Jazeera. Her work experience includes four years at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, acting as a legal and political adviser at the United Nations. She has won numerous awards and grants for her work, most notably from the FCO, the USIP and the Ford Foundation. Most recently, she was awarded the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research and Writing Grant to write on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. She has published extensively on issues relating to her areas of expertise. She has been lecturing in a number of UK, European, American and African universities on the Middle East and conflict resolution. She holds degrees in law, international law and human rights law from Cambridge, the European University Institute in Florence and Columbia, and was a Junior Research Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford.

Mr. Nicola de Santis

Head of the Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Countries Section in the NATO Public Diplomacy Division. Mr. de Santis joined the Brussels NATO Headquarters' International Staff in November 1991 and, following a number of international competitions, he served under five Secretary Generals in different communications and policy positions in the Office of the Secretary General, the Office of Information and Press, the External Relations Section, the Outreach Countries Section and in the NATO Press Service of the Public Diplomacy Division. He has been responsible for the organization and management of a large number of high level NATO projects, extending the Alliance's ties to opinion makers, political leaders, parliamentarians, academics and the international media, from NATO, PfP, Balkan, Mediterranean Dialogue and Middle Eastern countries. He was the first NATO official in charge of outreach and public diplomacy activities for the countries of the Mediterranean Dialogue, since its inception in 1994.

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Oded Eran

Representative in Israel of the World Jewish Congress and former Head of the State of Israel's Delegation to the European Union, in which capacity he was also served as Israel's Representative in NATO. Concurrently, Dr. Eran serves as Advisor the Knesset Sub-Committee on Foreign Policy and Public Diplomacy. Dr. Eran led a distinguished career in the Israeli Foreign Service for over thirty years, during which he served in the Israeli embassies in London and Washington D.C. During his term in Brussels, Dr. Eran led the negotiations with NATO on the NATO-Israel Individual Cooperation Program. As Ambassador to Jordan, he led the Israeli-Palestinian final status negotiations. As Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, he directed negotiations on the Association Agreement with the EU (1995) and participated in the negotiations on the Paris Economic Agreement with the Palestinians. Holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the London School of Economics.

Dr. Patrick Hardouin

NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Regional, Economic and Security Affairs. A Diplomat and economist, he has also served as NATO Director for Economic Affairs since 2000. His main responsibilities encompass Middle East and North Africa (Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative), relations beyond the Euro-Atlantic area (Asia, Pacific area, Africa, Latin America), defense and security economic cooperation between Allies and Partners, economic intelligence and threat analysis. Prior to joining NATO, Dr. Hardouin led an academic career at Sciences Po (Paris) and served as Dean of the Economics Department and Dean of the International Department of the Master's Degree Program. He served as a volunteer in the French Peace Corps in Algeria. Dr. Hardouin was engaged in various consultancies on management issues in the public and private sector and has been a member of the Board of the *Ecole nationale de la statistique et de l'administration économique*. He was also a visiting Professor at various universities and gave lectures at the National Library of France, the War School (Collège inter-armées de défense) and various institutions. He holds a Doctorate in Economics from Sciences Po.

H.E. Ambassador Yaakov Levy

Director of Policy Planning for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Levy has held senior positions in the Israeli Foreign Service, including Consul in New York, Counselor in Rome, Charge d'affairs in Malta, Consul General in Boston, and most recently as Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva. Ambassador Levy has also served as Deputy Director General for Media and Public Affairs and Diplomatic Advisor to the Speaker of the Knesset.

H.E. Ms. **Tzipi Livni**

Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel. A lawyer by profession, Minister Livni received her law degree from Bar-Ilan University, and practiced law in a private firm for ten years before entering public life. In 1999, Minister Livni was first elected to the Knesset, and served as a member of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, and the Committee on the Status of Women. In 2001, Ms. Livni was appointed Minister in the 29th Government and held the Regional Cooperation and Agriculture Portfolios. In the 30th Government, formed in 2003, she held the following portfolios: Immigrant Absorption, Housing and Construction, Justice and Foreign Affairs. In May 2006, Tzipi Livni was appointed to her current position.

H.E. Ambassador **Claudio Bisogniero**

NATO Deputy Secretary General. An Italian Diplomat, Ambassador Bisogniero is an expert on NATO affairs and led a distinguished career in the Italian Foreign Service during which he held positions in Italian missions in Beijing, NATO, Washington DC, the United Nations (New York). During his term in NATO, Ambassador Bisogniero's primarily focused on disarmament issues, HLTF, CDE, and CFE. He also served as a Delegate to the Senior Political Committee. In addition, Ambassador Bisogniero held senior positions at the Ministry in Rome including on assignment to the Office of the Diplomatic Adviser to the President of the Republic, Deputy Director General for Political Multilateral Affairs (responsible for NATO, United Nations, G8, disarmament, OSCE, anti-terrorism and human rights issues), and Director General for the Americas (responsibility for the relations of Italy with the United States and Canada, as well as all the countries of Latin America). Ambassador Bisogniero holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Rome.

Maj. Gen. (res.) **Amos Gilead**

Director of the Political-Military Bureau, Ministry of Defense. Led a distinguished career in the IDF Intelligence Corps and held senior command and staff positions including Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, Head of the Military Intelligence Research Department, and IDF Spokesperson. An expert on intelligence gathering and assessment, General Gilead advises the highest levels of the Israeli government on security and defense related affairs.

Maj. Gen. (res.) **David Ivry**

President of Boeing Israel and Vice President of Boeing International Relations, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fisher Brothers Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies. General Ivry has led an exceptionally distinguished military and government career and held senior positions including Ambassador of Israel to the United States, Founding Head of the National Security Council, Director-General of the Ministry of Defense, Chairman of Israel Aircraft Industries and Head of Israeli Delegation to the Multilateral Working Group on Arms Control and Regional Security of the Middle East peace process. In the IDF, General Ivry served in the Air Force and held a range of senior staff and command positions including Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Commander of the Air Force. General Ivry holds a B.Sc. in Aeronautical Engineering from the Technion and is a graduate of the IDF Command & Staff College. General Ivry has been conferred with honorary doctorates from the Technion and Bar-Ilan University.

Col. (res.) **Uri Naaman**

Coordinator for NATO and European Defense Organizations, Political-Military Bureau, Ministry of Defense. Served as an independent consultant on security and intelligence issues. Col. Naaman was previously an assistant to the Deputy Director General for International Affairs and Arms Control and a Special Assistant to the Chief Intelligence Officer. He received his Masters degree in Political Science from the University of Haifa and is a graduate of the National Defense College.

Major General **Ido Nehushtan**

Head of the IDF Plans & Policy Directorate. General Nehushtan joined the IAF Aviation School in 1975 and graduated with distinction as a fighter pilot in 1977. Later serving as an operational pilot on A-4 "Skyhawk," F-4 "Phantom" and F-16, General Nehushtan was as a flight instructor in the IAF Aviation School for two years and a member of the IAF Aerobatics squad. General Nehushtan held senior staff and command positions including Director of Air Force Intelligence, Head of Air Division and Chief of Air Staff and Deputy IAF Commander. General Nehushtan holds a B.Sc (*magna cum laude*) in Mathematics and Computer Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He also earned an MBA from the Kellogg School of Northwestern University, and is a graduate of AMP from Harvard Business School.

MK **Benjamin Netanyahu**

Chairman of the Likud Party, Leader of the Opposition, and Former Prime Minister. Served as Minister of Finance, Foreign Minister, Ambassador to the United Nations and Deputy Ambassador to the U.S. Worked in an international corporate finance firm in Boston and in a senior managerial position with Rim Industries, Jerusalem. Initiated and organized international conferences dealing with the struggle against international terror under the auspices of the Jonathan Institute. Published and edited three books on international terrorism. Received a B.A. in Architecture and an M.A. in Management from MIT, where he also studied Political Science.

Prof. **Uriel Reichman**

Founding President of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. Prof. Reichman chaired the "Constitution for Israel" Movement and the Committee for Civil Rights of the Israeli Bar Association. A member of several public and government commissions and committees, Prof. Reichman is an expert in real estate and property law. Prior to the establishment of the IDC, Prof. Reichman was a Professor of Law at Tel Aviv University, the Dean of its Law Faculty, and Dean of Ramot Mishpat College. Prof. Reichman received his Ph.D. in Law from the University of Chicago.

Dr. **Dan Schueftan**

Deputy Director of The National Security Studies Center at The University of Haifa and a Senior Lecturer at the School of Political Sciences and at the Israel Defense Forces National Defense College. For the last three decades he has been a consultant to Israeli decision makers and to the top echelon of Israel's foreign policy and defense establishments, as well as briefing European and American political leaders and senior officers. He has published extensively on contemporary Middle Eastern history. His books cover Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinians.

Mr. **Tommy Steiner**

Executive Secretary of the Atlantic Forum of Israel and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya, where he leads policy research projects on EU and NATO relations with Israel, the Mediterranean and the Broader Middle East. Concurrently, teaches International Relations and Security Studies at the IDC's Lauder School of Government. MA (*cum laude*) in International Relations from the Hebrew University, where he pursues his Ph.D. Recipient of the Harkaby Award.

Maj. Gen. (res.) MK **Matan Vilnai**

Deputy Minister of Defense of the State of Israel. Member of Knesset for the Labor-Meimad Party. Member of Knesset since 1999. Served twice as Minister of Science and Technology and also held the Culture and Sports portfolios in the governments of former Prime Ministers Ehud Barak and Ariel Sharon. Previously, served in the IDF for thirty-three years, in positions including Deputy Chief of Staff, GOC Southern Command and Commander of the Paratroopers Brigade. Graduate of the National Security College, Harvard University Center for Strategic Studies and the IDF Command and Staff College. Holds a B.A. in History from Tel Aviv University.

H.E. Ambassador **Michael Žantovský**

Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel and NATO Contact Point Ambassador in Israel. A diplomat, politician and author, Ambassador Žantovský was a founding member of the Civic Forum, an umbrella organization that coordinated the overthrow of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia. In January 1990, he became the press secretary and spokesman for President Vaclav Havel. He was the Czech Ambassador to the United States, 1992-97. In 1996, he was elected to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic where he served for six years as the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security. He has translated around fifty books of fiction, drama and political science from English to Czech. He is an author of a number of papers and essays on foreign policy, freedom of information and other public policy issues.