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High-Level Dialogue on
"Where is Peace in the New European Security Architecture?"

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Concept Note

Since the start of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, much has been said and written about how the ongoing war is exposing serious weaknesses in the European security architecture, as well as in the international peace architecture. The concerns are often defined as existentialist, whilst also declaring that having a commonly defined threat is generating unprecedented unity, which is blowing life into both EU enlargement and the EU's global partnership agenda.

At the centre of the debate is the need to bridge divides and confirm allies, pertaining to complex questions about types of cooperation and collaborations, dependencies versus autonomy, and solidarity versus a strategic vision. With imminent security threats at the EU's doorstep, security and defence is receiving a lot of attention both in terms of actual investment and debate about a new European security order. Less focus is put on the fundamental shifts that all of this brings for the core identity and fundamental values of the European Union as the world's largest peace project, when it is no longer about bringing the members together to ensure their peaceful relations but to join members together against external aggression.

With this high-level dialogue, we suggest to explore these questions by unpacking the role of peace in the new European security architecture, looking first closer to home at EU enlargement and subsequently further afar on the EU as a global peace actor. What role does EU enlargement play in the new European security architecture, in particular with regard to peace and the EU as a peace project, both at home and abroad? What should EU leaders and policymakers take into account as the new European security architecture is being set out, if the EU and its Member States intend to remain a power for (positive) peace, stability and prosperity in Europe and the world? What does the new European security architecture mean for the role that the EU want and can play as a global peace actor?

Opening and Welcome
- Dr Jibecke Joensson, Head of Brussels Office, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation
- Ambassador Stéphane Mund, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the Political and Security Committee of the EU

Keynote exchange on where is peace in the new European security architecture?
- Miroslav Lajčák, EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues
- Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe and Director, Pilot Programme of the European Diplomatic Academy

- Moderator: Ambassador Janne Taalas, CEO, CMI - Martti Ahtsaari Peace Foundation

1. Panel on EU enlargement and peacemaking in the new European security architecture

When the war in Ukraine ends, it will need to be underpinned by a new European security architecture that guarantee and address the security concerns of the EU and European states without undermining peace, at home and abroad. This panel will focus on EU enlargement and peacemaking in the new European security architecture. As the EU embarks on a new enlargement phase, with an 'associated trio' (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia), how can the EU make sure to fully utilise enlargement as an asset for ensuring its geopolitical role in favour of peace, across all accession countries while maintaining the integrity of the accession process through a merit-based approach? And where do the European regional partnerships and developments in NATO and the OSCE fit into this, as well as mini-lateral formations in the EU's neighbourhood?

- Štefan Füle, Chairman, European Policy Centre Task Force on EU Enlargement
- Dr Stephanie Hofmann, Professor and Joint Chair in International Relations, Department of Political and Social Sciences & Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute
- Vessela Tcherneva, Deputy Director and Head of European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) Sofia Office
- Ambassador Anka Feldhusen, Director for Peacebuilding and Stabilization, German Federal Foreign Office

- Moderator: Guillem Riutord Sampol, Head of Division, Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships, EEAS

2. Panel on the EU as a global (peace) actor in the new European security architecture

The recent EU defence developments and ongoing reconfiguration of the European security architecture are having an impact on the EU's foreign policy and external action. What the EU is and is not doing is changing, as is the perception of the EU around the globe and thus what the EU can and cannot do. This panel will ask questions about how the developments at home, affect the EU abroad, and where (positive) peace fits into all this. How can the EU make sure

that the new European security architecture, underpinned by more pronounced security and defence priorities and capabilities, does not risk to undermine longstanding EU foreign policy priorities and strengths from international cooperation and trade, to humanitarian aid, crisis response, the Integrated Approach, and support to sustainable development and the promotion and upholding of human rights? How to ensure that the strengthening of the EU's hard power, reinforces rather than challenges the EU as a global (positive) peace actor?

- Nickolay Mladenov, Director General, Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi
- Belén Martinez-Carbonell, Managing Director, Global Agenda and Multilateral Relations, European External Action Service
- Ambassador Frederic Gateretse-Ngoga, Senior Advisor for International Partnerships/AUBP- Regional Security Mechanism-PAPS-African Union Commission
- Dr Ville Brummer, Chief Programme Officer, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation

- Moderator: Dr Chris Coulter, Deputy Executive Director and Head of Negotiation and Mediation Support, Berghof Foundation

Closing
- Ambassador Ingrid Ask, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the Political and Security Committee of the EU
- Hanna Klinge, Deputy CEO, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation