

MODEL CONFERENCE 2014

FINAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE FORUM FOR THE 21-ST CENTURY

March 27, 2014

Assembly Hall of the University of Economics in Bratislava

9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION OF GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS

9:30 - 10:00 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS OF THE FORUM FOR THE 21st CENTURY

Moderator: Mr. Nina **GALANSKÁ**, Senior Supervisor of the Model Conference *confirmed*

- Mr. Rudolf **SIVÁK** *confirmed*
Rector, University of economics in Bratislava
- Mr. Boris **MATTOŠ** *confirmed*
Vice-Dean for Education, Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava
- Ms. Dagmara **HALAMO VÁ** *confirmed*
Chairman of the Forum for 21st Century

10:00 - 11:00 ARCTIC ENERGY RESOURCES – KEEPING GLOBAL ENERGY SECURITY

Today, especially due to the global climate change, the geopolitical and economic importance of the Arctic is growing. Melting of the glacier in the Arctic reveals the possibility of using new waterways in the Arctic Ocean and offers the opportunity of easier extraction of abundant mineral resources in this area.

Forum for the 21st Century regards this geopolitical issue of major significance, and therefore it has invited the member states of the Arctic Council and permanent observers to join the negotiations concerning the utilization of the region. Their united efforts are going to resolve peace and security in the Arctic area.

Moderator: Ms. Bianka **BITTMANNOVÁ**, Chair of the economic section A *confirmed*

- Mr. Ilya N. **BARMIN** *confirmed*
Attache of the Embassy of the Russian Federation
- Ms. Barbora **PADRTOVÁ** *confirmed*
Researcher, Center for European and North Atlantic affairs
- Ms. Theodore **SEDGWICK** *confirmed*
Ambassador of the United States of America in the Slovak Republic
- Mr. Matej **KUBRICZKÝ** *confirmed*

Chair of the economic section B

11:00 - 11:30 NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:30 SYRIAN UPRISING AND CIVIL WAR – LOOKING FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION

As a continuation of social movements of the Arab Spring serious protests demanding reforms of the existing government broke out in April 2011. The unrest quickly escalated and a full blown civil war broke out between the governmental and opposition-lead forces.

The Forum for the 21st Century identifies the acute need to find a common ground in order to stop the violence and put an end to the ongoing conflict. The individual countries kindly approve to accept such a heavy burden of responsibility, show good will to avoid the mutual confrontation and concentrate all above on the interest of the Syrian people while doing so.

Moderator: Mr. Peter **LEVDANSKÝ**, Chair of the security section B *confirmed*

- Mr. Ihab Ahmed Talaat **NASR** *confirmed*
Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the Slovak Republic
- Mr. Ivo **SAMSON** *confirmed*
Director, Institute of security and defence studies, Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic
- Mr. David **TARČÁK** *confirmed*
Former commercial attache at Embassy of the SR in the PRC
- Mr. Ivan **ZACHAR** *TBC*
Chief government advisor for Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- Mr. Marcel **ČAS** *confirmed*
Chair of the security section A

12:30 - 13:30 BANQUET HOSTED BY THE FORUM FOR THE 21st CENTURY

- upon invitations

13:30 PRESS CONFERENCE (Conference Room of the Assembly Hall)

- Short presentation of the outcomes of the project for the media with possibility of interviewing students and distinguished guests. Common photo date.

The Model Conference will be held in English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.