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## Short Bios of Speakers

### **Prof. Dr. István Gyarmati, President of the Center for Democracy Public Foundation**

Ambassador Gyarmati is currently serving as the President of the Center for Democracy Public Foundation. He is also the Chairman of the Board of the Centre for Euro Atlantic Integration and Democracy in Budapest and Co-Chairman of the International Security Advisory Board for Southeastern Europe of the Geneva-based Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces. He is a member of the IISS and is an Associate Professor at the Zrínyi Miklós National Defense University. In the past, he has held numerous positions at the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defense, including Special Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Gyarmati holds a Ph.D. in Political Science.

### **H.E. János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, Honorary Board Member of the ICDT**

Dr. Martonyi is currently serving as Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs. Originally a lawyer, he has held public office in many different capacities. Between 1998 and 2002, he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and between 1991 and 1994 he was the State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During Hungary's transition, Dr. Martonyi was the government commissioner in charge of privatization. He then served as State Secretary in the Ministry of International Economic Relations. Dr. Martonyi is also a professor, having taught at ELTE University's Faculty of Law and Public Administration in Budapest, the University of Szeged, the College of Europe, and the Central European University. From 2002 to 2009, Dr. Martonyi dedicated himself to teaching and to the work of his law practice at Martonyi és Kajtár Baker & McKenzie. Dr. Martonyi holds a PhD in Law and Public Administration.

### **Dr. Tomicah Tillemann, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies**

Tomicah Tillemann serves as the Senior Advisor for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Prior to assuming that position, he worked as speechwriter to the Secretary and assisted her in framing and articulating the policies of the United States. Before coming to the State Department, Dr. Tillemann spent four years on the professional staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as the principal advisor on European and Eurasian affairs to former Senator Joseph Biden. He also





facilitated the work of the Senate's Subcommittee on European Affairs, then chaired by Barack Obama. Dr. Tillemann's other professional experience includes work with the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, Security, and Human Rights, the White House Office of Media Affairs, and four U.S. Senate and Congressional campaigns. Dr. Tillemann has helped to found and lead numerous civil society groups and served on the board of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice. He holds a Ph.D. with distinction from the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University (SAIS) and served as a graduate level instructor in American foreign policy at SAIS.

### **His Royal Highness El Hassan bin Talal, Prince of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

His Royal Highness was officially invested as Crown Prince to the Hashemite Throne of Jordan, in April 1965. Until the changes in succession brought about by His late Majesty King Hussein, in January 1999, he served as the King's closest political advisor, confidant and deputy, as well as acting as Regent in the King's absence from the country. Prince Hassan had his early schooling in Amman, largely through private tuition, and then attended the English preparatory school, Summer Fields. In 1963, HRH went to Harrow School, where he was in Park House, and then matriculated to Christ Church College, Oxford. HRH graduated from Oxford with a B.A. (Hons.) in Oriental Studies, followed by an M.A. Prince Hassan has initiated, founded and is actively involved in a number of Jordanian and international institutes and committees.

### **Ms. Lívía Járóka, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group, Rapporteur of the European Roma Strategy**

Ms. Járóka is currently serving as a member of the European Parliament, where she is the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. She is also the Vice-President of the Anti-Racism and Diversity Parliamentary Intergroup. In 2006, she was chosen as MEP of the Year for Justice and Fundamental Human Rights and elected to the World Young Leaders Forum. Additionally, Ms. Járóka is the Program Director of the European People's Party's Working Group on Roma Inclusion. She is a member of the boards of trustees of both the Roma Education Fund and the European Roma Information Office. Ms. Járóka received a degree in English from Berzsenyi Dániel College, Szombathely, in 1998, MA in Politics and Sociology from Central European University, Warsaw, in 1999, and M. Phil. in Social Anthropology from University College, London, in 2000.

### **Mr. Jeroen G.C. Schokkenbroek, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe**

Mr. Schokkenbroek has been serving as the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues since November 2010. An expert in the field of law, especially human rights and constitutional law, Mr. Schokkenbroek joined the Council of Europe Secretariat in 1993. Before becoming Special Representative for Roma Issues, he was the Head of the Human Rights Development Department, which is a part of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs. In the past, Mr. Schokkenbroek has served as President of the Dutch Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), representative of the ICJ with the Council of Europe, and editor-in-chief of the Netherlands Human Rights Law Journal. From 1984 to



1993, he was a lecturer in Constitutional and Administrative Law at University of Leiden. Mr. Schokkenbroek is also an author and published several books and articles in the field of international human rights law. Mr. Schokkenbroek studied law at the University of Leiden and received his PhD 1996.

**Mr. Andrzej Mirga, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**

Andrzej Mirga is currently serving as Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR). Mr. Mirga has previously served as the Chairman of the Project on Ethnic Relations at the Romani Advisory Council, President of the Romani Association in Poland, and the Chair of the Group of Specialists on Roma, Gypsies and Travelers of the Council of Europe. In the past, he has also served on a Polish national committee to draft a law on minorities. Furthermore, Mr. Mirga has testified on Roma issues to institutions such as the U.S. Helsinki Commission. As an ethnographer, Mr. Mirga is the author of numerous publications and has taught at Jagellonian University in Cracow for many years.

**Prof. Dr. Rudolf Bretschneider, GfK Austria**

Professor Bretschneider was born in Vienna, Austria in 1944. He studied psychology and German philology. He is employed at FESSEL-GfK, Austrian subsidiary of GfK-Group since 1965, since 1973 as managing director. Prof. Dr. Rudolf Bretschneider is currently serving as the Deputy Chairman of the Austrian Federal Institute for Education, Research, Innovation and Development of the Austrian School System. Dr. Bretschneider is also a board member of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, as well as a member of the advisory board of the Austrian Society for European Politics. From 1986 to 1993, he served as Editor of the "Wiener Journal". Furthermore, Dr. Bretschneider was the Managing Director of GfK Austria (formerly the Fessel Institute for Market Research) from 1973 until 2007. Dr. Bretschneider has been lecturer at the University of Vienna's Institute of Journalism and Communications since 1970.

**Dr. Ákos Kozák, GfK Hungária**

Dr. Kozák has been teacher of Budapest Business School for 15 years. He has been a colleague of GfK Hungária Market Research Institute for 20 years, and managing director of the company since 1993. He earned his degrees at the College of Commerce & Catering and then at the Eötvös Lóránd University of Budapest where he majored in Media Studies and Sociology. He obtained PhD degree in regional economics. He is president of the Hungarian Marketing Association; a member of the Board of the Hungarian Advertising Association; a member of the Association of Professional Market Researchers; a member of the Advisory Body of the Marketing and Media Institute of the Corvinus University of Budapest; a member of the Advisory Body of the Budapest Business School.



**Dr. Nicu Popescu, Senior Research Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations**

Dr. Popescu is a senior research fellow and head of the European Council on Foreign Relations' program on Russia and Wider Europe. In 2010, he served as foreign policy adviser to the Prime Minister of Moldova. Before joining the European Council on Foreign Relations, Dr. Popescu was a research fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies and at the EU Institute for Security Studies. He published frequently on the subject of the Eastern neighborhood and the EU, and his op-eds have appeared in the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, The Guardian, Die Welt, Kommersant, EU Observer, and the European Voice. Dr. Popescu holds a doctorate in International Relations from the Central European University in Budapest.

**H.E. Iurie Leancă, Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign and European Integration Minister of Republic of Moldova**

Ambassador Leancă is currently serving as Moldova's Foreign and European Integration Minister, as well as the Deputy Prime Minister of Moldova. Ambassador Leancă joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986. Before assuming to post of Minister, he served as Senior Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (2005-2007), First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1999-2001), Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1998-1999), Ambassador on Special Mission of European Integration (1998), and Minister-Councilor in the Embassy of Moldova to the USA (1993-1997). Besides his work in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Leancă also served as Vice Chairman of the Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (2005-2009). Ambassador Leancă holds an M.A. degree in International Relations from the State Institute of International Relations of Moscow.

**Mr. Zsolt Németh, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary**

Mr. Németh is serving as State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary. He was first elected to the Hungarian Parliament in 1990. From 2002 to 2010, as well as from 1994 to 1998, he served as a representative to the Council of Europe. Mr. Németh was the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Parliament (2002-2006) and State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1998-2002). From 1990 until 1994, he was a member, later the Chairman, of the Parliament's Human Rights, Minority and Religious Affairs Committee. Mr. Németh studied Economics and Sociology at Corvinus University of Budapest, as well as Political Science at St. Anthony's College in Oxford.

**Mr. Aleksander Milinkievic, Movement for Freedom, Republic of Belarus**

Mr. Milinkievich is currently the head of the Movement for Freedom and leader of the opposition in Belarus. During the 2006 elections, the United Democratic Forces of Belarus selected Mr. Milinkievich as the joint candidate of the opposition for the country's presidency. In 2001, he served as Chief of Staff to opposition candidate Siamion Domash. Earlier, he served as Vice-Mayor of the city of Hrodna. Originally a physicist, he taught Physics at the University of Hrodna between 1978 and 1980 and from 1984 to 1990. In 2006, Mr. Milinkievich was awarded the Sakharov Prize, the European Union's top human rights honor, in recognition of his work promoting democracy and freedom in Belarus.







**H.E. Giorgi Baramidze, Vice-Prime Minister of Georgia and State Minister for Euro-Atlantic Integration**

Mr. Baramidze is currently serving as Vice-Prime Minister of Georgia and as State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration. Previously, he has served as Minister of Defense, Minister for Internal Affairs, Chairman of Parliament's Anti-Corruption Commission, and Chairman of Parliament's Defense and Security Committee. During the early 1990s, he was also a member of the State Coordination Commission of Georgia's participation in NATO's Partnership for Peace Program. Mr. Baramidze has conducted research at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, and hold a degree from the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany. He is a graduate of Georgian Technical University, where he received a degree in Chemical Technologies in 1992.

**H.E. David T. Killion, Ambassador and U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO**

Ambassador David T. Killion was nominated as U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO with the rank of Ambassador on June 25, 2009 by President Obama and was sworn into office on August 12, 2009. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Killion served as a Senior Professional Staff member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and was the Committee's top expert on International Organizations and State Department Operations. He has also coordinated the Committee's initiatives to improve UN management and to reform UN human rights mechanisms. Mr. Killion served as top UN advisor to the previous Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee, the late Congressman Tom Lantos. In this capacity, he worked on legislation that Mr. Lantos introduced and passed in 2001 authorizing the U.S.'s re-entry to UNESCO. Prior to serving on the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. Killion was an appointee of the Clinton Administration in the Department of State, in the bureau of Legislative Affairs (1996-2001), and as a legislative assistant to Congressman David Skaggs (1994-1996). Mr. Killion holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and an M.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles.

**Mr. Amine Mahfoudh, High Authority for the Implementation of the Objectives of the Revolution and the Democratic Transition, Tunisian Republic**

Mr. Amin Mahfoudh is a doctor of public law, specialized in constitutional law and state politics. Currently, he teaches at the University of Sousse at the Faculty of Law. Furthermore, he is a lawyer at the court. His experiences include the participation in academic activities: in Tunisia, France, Italy, United States of America. Nowadays, he is a member of the High Authority for the Implementation of the Objectives of the Revolution and the Democratic Transition.

**H.E. Kurt Volker, Former United States Permanent Representative to NATO**

Ambassador Kurt Volker is currently the Managing Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). He is also a Senior Advisor at the Atlantic Council of the United States and a member of its Strategic Advisory Group. Ambassador Volker served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to NATO from 2008 to 2009, as well as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs from 2005 to 2008. A career member of the United





States Senior Foreign Service, Ambassador Volker served as Acting Senior Director for European and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council, First Secretary at the U.S. Mission to NATO, and State Department Legislative Fellow in the U.S. Senate. His prior Foreign Service assignments include Budapest, London, and several positions in the U.S. Department of State. Ambassador Volker received a B.A. from Temple University and an M.A. in International Relations from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University.

**H.E. Hassan Abu Nimah, Director of the Regional Human Security Centre, Amman, Jordan and Advisor to Prince of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan HRH El Hassan bin Talal**

Hassan Abu Nimah had served in the Jordanian diplomatic service for almost 35 years from 1965 till 2000. He served last as the Jordanian Ambassador to the United Nations, New York (1995-2000), Before that he served as Ambassador for his country in Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, (Non-resident to Portugal, Panama and Cuba and the Republic of San Marino; and as representative for Jordan at the European Community (before it became the European Union), World Food Program and Food and Agricultural Organization. He also served in different ranks in London, Washington DC, Baghdad and Kuwait. Since his retirement from the diplomatic service at the end of 2000, Mr. Abu Nimah has served as Advisor for HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal and Director of The Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies from 2004-2009. Currently, and since Sept 2009, Mr. Abu Nimah (still advisor to HRH) is also Director of the Regional Human Security Centre. Mr. Abu Nimah writes regularly for international and local papers in English and Arabic, lectures, participates in symposia and conferences worldwide. He is married with three children and three grandchildren.

**Dr. Saad Eddine Ibrahim, Professor of Sociology at the American University in Cairo**

Professor Ibrahim is currently a professor of Sociology at the American University in Cairo. Professor Ibrahim has been a longtime critic of the regime of Hosni Mubarak, as well as an advocate for democratic transition in Egypt. He is the founder of the Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies in Cairo and the Arab Organization for Human Rights. During the Mubarak regime, Professor Ibrahim was arrested several times due to his political activities. Nevertheless, he has remained an active member of the democracy movement in Egypt and has won some 21 Awards and Honorary Degrees from all corners of the world, including the Danish Pundik Freedom Prize in 2008.

**Mr. Ahmed Ezz El-Arab, Vice President, Wafd Party, Arab Republic of Egypt**

Mr. Ahmed Ezz El-Arab is currently the vice-president of the Wafd Party in the Arab Republic of Egypt and the columnist of the AL-Wafd newspaper. He studied law at the Cairo University and earned master's degree in economic studies from the Stockholm University. Until his retirement in 1989, he worked for 27 years as the vice-chairman of EgyptAir, the country's flag carrier airline. Between 1989 and 2007, he worked in the tourism and hotel industry. He joined to the Wafd Party in 2007.

