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Launch of the Peace Report 2010

Negotiations with the Taliban? Options for re-integration in Afghanistan

Wednesday 2 June 2010, 12H30 – 14H30
European Parliament

Host: MEP Roberto Gualtieri
Chair: Giji Gya, Executive Director, ISIS Europe

Speakers:

Dr. Bruno Schoch. Editor, 2010 Peace Report
Arvid Bell. Co-author, 2010 Peace Report
Representative of the Afghan Embassy to the EU (tbc)
Tim Eestermans, counsellor, Asia Task Force at the Council of the EU (tbc)
Tim Foxley. Afghanistan expert, SIPRI

Concept Note

This European Security Contact group meeting focuses on the key challenges for European foreign, development and security policy for Afghanistan, based on this year's edition of the *Peace Report*.

The Peace Report 2010 takes stock on progress after eight years of war in Afghanistan, focusing on the "ifs and hows" of transforming non-state violent actors into political citizens with a constructive role in society. In order to end violence in today's conflicts, which often resemble civil wars, combatants and ignored non-state actors have to be involved in negotiations, state-building and power sharing activities. At the same time, state and non-state actors need to be scrutinized with regard to their legitimacy and reliability. This is especially true for the Afghan government, the international armed forces in Afghanistan and the Taliban.

The Peace Report has been published annually since 1987 by five German peace research institutes: the Institute for Development and Peace at the University of Duisburg-Essen (INEF), the Protestant Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (FEST), the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (HSFK) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC).

REGISTRATION required

By Thursday 13 May 2010

Further details of speakers will be announced shortly

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