



To all members and associate
members of the Sub-Committee
on Transatlantic Defence and
Security Co-operation

18 October, 2005

Dear member,

On behalf of the Chair of the Subcommittee on Transatlantic Defence and Security Cooperation, Sven Mikser, I am writing to ask for your suggestions for the future program of the Subcommittee.

In general, the Rapporteur of the Subcommittee (John Shimkus) decides on the topic of the report and the visits of the Subcommittee are often chosen to support the report with first-hand research. However, this does not prevent the Subcommittee from visiting countries that are of particular interest, even if they are not directly related to the report topic. This summer, for example, the Subcommittee had a very interesting visit to Sweden that did not feature in the Subcommittee report on the Prague Capability Commitments. But the members learned a considerable amount about how a non-NATO European country was working with NATO in international operations and the particular challenges Sweden faces in restructuring its military to better cope with current demands.

If you have specific ideas, I would appreciate a brief note via email or fax stating the country you believe the Subcommittee should visit and the issues that should be explored there in relation to the overall theme of transatlantic defence and security cooperation. I will compile your suggestions and give them to the Chair and Rapporteur to take under consideration. We hope that this process will allow us to shape the Subcommittee program for 2006 and 2007 in a manner that reflects a broad consensus of the members.

I would like to ask for your submissions as soon as possible, preferably no later than Friday, 21 October. Please contact me if you have any questions at zselden@nato-pa.int or (+32-2-513-2865).

Regards,

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