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MEDIA ADVISORY

NATO's Security Experts Gather in Riga for Allied Reach 2016

Media are invited to attend a news conference with Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, General Petr Pavel, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General Denis Mercier and Latvian Chief of Defence, Lieutenant General Raimonds Graube. The news conference will take place during the NATO Allied Reach 2016 seminar to be held in Riga, Latvia from April 11-14, 2016.

Allied Reach 2016 (AR 16) is a biennial seminar for NATO military leaders to exchange ideas and perspectives relating to military, strategic and transformational issues, from an operational point of view.

What: News conference with General Petr Pavel, General Denis Mercier and Lieutenant General Raimonds Graube

When: Thursday, April 14 from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Where: Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel (24 Kugu Street; LV-1048, Riga, Latvia)

The Allied Reach16 programme agenda is coordinated between NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation; Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), the International Military Staff and the Military Committee. This close collaboration allows NATO leaders to more effectively identify the needs of today while considering the transformational concepts required to meet tomorrow's threats.

AR 16 is not a live exercise. However, it brings together the senior military leadership of the NATO Alliance to discuss, reflect and provide the best military advice on real-world strategic issues and future challenges that affect global security. Both SACT and SACEUR will take the findings from Allied Reach 16 to adapt concepts, improve the way NATO plans and conducts business and review innovative insights on how NATO can better address future challenges.

See our AR16 promotional video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjnAZ3PA_jo. Learn more about the Allied Reach 16 seminar and register at: <http://www.act.nato.int/ar16>.

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Notes to editor / news director: Media interested in attending the news conference should RSVP Ms. Anete Gnēze through email at Anete.Gneze@mod.gov.lv or through phone at +371 673 35 093 no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2016. *Media from outside of Latvia should RSVP to Lieutenant Commander Karen Eifert through phone at +1-757-685-9814 or through email at karen.eifert@act.nato.int.* For more information, visit: <http://www.act.nato.int/ar16>.