



MEDIA ADVISORY

NORFOLK, VA – Members of the media are invited to join NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, General Denis Mercier, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment, Mr Camille Grand, and leaders from Allied nations, European Institutions, and European and North American industry, on November 9th, 2016, at the Palais d’Egmont in Brussels, Belgium for the NATO-Industry Forum 2016 (#NIF2016).

The NATO-Industry Forum aims at identifying options for multinational cooperation for NATO capability development and research and development, to encourage reinvestments in defence and explore new initiatives to maximize the impact of defence budgets. It will also explore options for strengthening the NATO-EU and NATO-Industry relationships. Media accreditation is available [here](#).

ON NOVEMBER 9TH, #NIF2016 IS OPEN TO THE MEDIA AS FOLLOWS:

08:00 – 08:20 NATO-INDUSTRY FORUM 2016 OPENING

Welcoming address by the **General Marc Compagnol**, Belgian Chief of Defence.

Opening address by **General Denis Mercier**, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT).

12:40 – 13:00 OPENING REMARKS – Mr Didier Reynders, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Belgium.

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17:10 – 17:30 PRESS CONFERENCE (LED BY NATO SECRETARY GENERAL, JENS STOLTENBERG)

17:30 – 18:00 NATO AND EU POLITICAL STATEMENTS

Keynote address – EU Commissioner Internal market, industry, entrepreneurship, and SMEs, **Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska**.

Keynote address – EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, **Ms Federica Mogherini**.

Keynote address - **NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg**.

18:00 – 18:15 CLOSING REMARKS

Mr Camille Grand, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment (ASG/DI).

Other interviews will be available with #NIF2016 participants. For additional information please contact NATO Public Affairs:

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****All speakers are confirmed, however the information is subject to change****