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“CHALLENGES TO THE
GLOBAL WORLD ORDER”

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CHALLENGES TO THE GLOBAL WORLD ORDER

Our world, the free world, is changing rapidly, with the values and international order agreed upon after the horrors of World War II being steadily eroded.

Around 75 years ago, new institutions and structures were established on the basis of democratic, liberal, pluralistic values and solidarity between different societal groups and nations.

The United Nations was established under the slogan of “never again”. The Atlantic Charter evolved into NATO, conventions on human rights were agreed upon and the Bretton Woods institutions (the World Bank and the IMF) started functioning in order to create a better world.

Some of these institutions and structures and the democratic values are now facing existential threats.

Multilateralism, which for many years was the dominant modus operandi of the international community, is being

challenged and it conforms with other problematic global trends and phenomena. Some of the changes that represent the challenges arose side by side with, or as a result of, positive developments. Understanding how and why this is happening is crucial for healing.

In these times of war and destruction, of tension and crisis, of human suffering and political challenges, the NGIC has redoubled its efforts to promote discussion with political leaders and international organizations, organizing on site missions on the humanitarian situation with Ukraine refugees, technical conferences, as well as political conversations with key decision-makers.

Our 2022 meeting comes at a time when challenges facing humanity are reaching new peaks. A time when there is a need for NGIC to bring the wisdom and experience of its distinguished members and participants in an open and unconstrained debate to learn from the past, assess the present, and envision the future.

15 JUNE | WEDNESDAY

Arrival of participants

20:00 WELCOME DINNER

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

Welcome remarks

- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia 1999-2007, Co-Chair NGIC
- Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President of the World Bank 1992-2000, Co-Chair NGIC

PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK:

“The Magic of the Pen” Select Miniatures from the Khamsa of Nizami Ganjavi

22:00 NIGHT OWL SESSION: IS UNITED NATIONS ABLE TO MEET THE
NEW CHALLENGES AND KEEP ITS PROMISE “NEVER AGAIN”

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Shushtar room

Moderator: TBC

Speakers:

- **Volkan Bozkır**, President of the 75th Session of UN General Assembly; Minister of EU Affairs of the Republic of Turkey 2014-2016; Member of Parliament, Ambassador (TBC)
- **Maria Fernanda Espinosa**, 73rd President of the UN General Assembly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador 2017-2018

16 JUNE | THURSDAY

09:45 Family photo *(by invitation only)*

10:00- 12:00 OPENING CEREMONY

Venue: Gulustan Palace

Moderator:

- **Ismail Serageldin**, Co-Chair, NGIC; Vice President of the World Bank 1992-2000

Keynote address:

- **Ilham Aliyev**, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Remarks:

- **Sefik Dzaferovic**, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ilir Meta**, President of the Republic of Albania
- **Salome Zourabichvili**, President of Georgia
- **Kiril Petkov**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Stevo Pendarovski**, President of the Republic of North Macedonia (video message)
- **Mohammad Shtayyeh**, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine
- **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization
- **Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Ahmed Aboul Gheit**, Secretary-General, the League of Arab States
- **Zhang Ming**, Secretary-General, Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- **Binali Yildirim**, Prime Minister of Turkey 2016-2018; Speaker of the Grand National Assembly 2018-2019 on behalf of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey
- **Qu Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (digital)
- **Miguel Angel Moratinos**, High Representative for the UNAOOC, Under-Secretary-General (video message)
- **Rt. Honorable Gordon Brown**, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing (digital)
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, Co-Chair, NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007

PRESENTATION OF THE NIZAMI GANJAVI INTERNATIONAL AWARD 2022

Rt. Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom 2007-2010, United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education, WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing (digital)

PANEL 1

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

12:30- 13:45 UKRAINE WAR, RESISTANCE, REFUGEES & RECONSTRUCTION

- What sort of framework would silence the bombs and open the avenues of peace?
- Where and how will the invader and the victims of aggression be able to work out a viable post-war future?
- How will that post-war future provide for the reconstruction of Ukraine?
- How can any agreement to end the war also ensure that the guilty are held to account for their crimes?
- What can be done to address the new kinds of hybrid warfare, including cyberattacks?
- Is there a need to better organize the deployment of economic sanctions, their severity and the triggers that would ensure their deployment?

Moderator:

- Susan Elliott, Amb (ret.), President & CEO of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy

Speakers:

- Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Co-Chair, NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007
- Kateryna Yushchenko, First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010
- Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, President of Croatia 2015-2020
- Lise Grande, President of the United States Institute of Peace
- Aleksandr Kwasniewski, President of Poland 1995-2005
- Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine 2005-2010 (digital)
- Eka Tkeshelashvili, Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia 2010-2012
- Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine 2014-2019 (digital)
- Tom Vandenkendelaere, Member of the European Parliament

13:45 – 15:00 Lunch

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Rast room

“Social Media, Politics and War in the 21st Century”

Moderator:

- Paul Revay, Former Director, Trilateral Europe, member of the Board of Trustees of Friends of Europe

Speakers:

- David Chikvaidze, Head of the Secretariat of the Director-General of the UN Office in Geneva; Vice president, Swiss Forum for International Affairs
- Werner Fasslabend, Minister of Defense of Austria 1990-2000, President of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (TBC)

PANEL 2

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

15:00- 16:15 RETHINKING THE GLOBAL SECURITY ARCHITECTURE & THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

- Can the UN system's limitations be overcome after 75 years of its existence?
- How can we design a more effective global security architecture that brings to life the vaunted "New Rules-based Multilateralism"?
- Or is the "New Multilateralism" effectively dead and we are back to a multi-polar world with each of the giants exercising control over a number of smaller countries in their "sphere of influence"?
- What sort of a framework can we imagine that would not only avoid war and destruction, but also advance well-being and the human rights of citizens all over the world?
- What role can/should regional organizations play?
- Do we need a new set of arms agreements dealing with nuclear weapons in a time of proliferation?
- What do we need to do to limit the risks of militarization of space?
- Will we still adhere to "non-interference in the domestic affairs of individual sovereign states" or is there a duty to respond to humanitarian challenges and to protect human rights?

Moderator:

- **Yves Leterme**, Prime Minister of Belgium 2008, 2009-2011

Speakers:

- **Dora Bakoyannis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece 2006-2009, Member of the OSCE Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security as Common Project
- **HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal AlSaud**, Chairman of the Board, King Faisal Center for Research & Islamic Studies
- **Hikmat Hajiyev**, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Head of the Department of Foreign Policy Affairs of the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Binali Yildirim**, Prime Minister of Turkey 2016-2018; Speaker of the Grand National Assembly 2018-2019
- **Tzipi Livni**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel 2006-2009
- **Giorgi Margvelashvili**, President of Georgia 2013-2018
- **Wang Chao**, President, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs People's Republic of China 2013-2019 (digital)

PANEL 3

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

16:30 - 17:45 TODAY'S THREATS TO ENERGY SECURITY: THEIR NATURE, SCOPE, & THE NEED TO ADDRESS THEM IN NEW, WISE WAYS

- How realistic are plans to cut purchases of Russian oil and natural gas in the near term?
- While there has been considerable attention given the price and other effects of the current energy situation on the U.S., Europe, and other developed countries, what are the impacts in emerging markets and other developing countries?
- What steps are oil/natural gas producing countries taking? What further steps should net energy importing countries take?
- What are the impacts on the move to renewables, hydrogen, and other technologies needed to reduce global carbon emissions?

Moderator:

- **Robert Cekuta**, former Ambassador of USA to the Republic of Azerbaijan

Speakers:

- **Rosen Plevneliev**, President of Bulgaria 2012-2017
- **Jean Baderschneider**, Board of Directors, Fortescue Metals and Fortescue Future Industries; Chair of the Board, The Global Fund to End Modern Slavery; former Vice-President, ExxonMobil, Board Member NGIC
- **Joseph Muscat**, Prime Minister of Malta 2013-2020
- **Elnur Soltanov**, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Vinton Cerf**, Vice-President of Google, father of the Internet (digital)
- **Ana Birchall**, Deputy Prime Minister of Romania 2018-2019; Minister of Justice 2019; Member of the Parliament of Romania

20:00 Gala Dinner

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

17 JUNE | FRIDAY

PANEL 4

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

09:30- 11:00 GLOBAL HEALTH GOVERNANCE

- What are the key lessons that we can derive from the experience of how the world handled this pandemic?
- How do we cope with the rise of “Vaccine Hesitancy” in the age of social media?
- Can we get better global coordination of early warning systems and transmission tracking and sharing of vaccines, therapeutics and tests, as well as PPEs and respirators?
- How can we ensure that governments should urgently and fully fund the WHO and the ACT Accelerator, including COVAX now and ensure that these delays in funding do not happen in the future?
- How can we make sure that the needs of the most vulnerable are properly and quickly addressed?
- As we look to “build back better” post-Covid, how can we ensure that we emphasize the transformative green character of the rebuilding programs?
- How can we ensure that we include better coverage and access to all citizens of all countries as we build resilience into the various communities everywhere in the world?

Moderator:

- **Zlatko Lagumdžija**, Prime Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2002, deputy Prime Minister 1992-1996, 2012-2015

Keynote Speaker:

- **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization

Speakers:

- **Maria Fernanda Espinosa**, 73rd President of the UN General Assembly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador 2017-2018
- **Jeffrey Sachs**, University Professor at Columbia University; Special Advisor to Secretary General on SD (virtual)
- **Valdis Zatlers**, President of Latvia 2007-2011
- **Teymur Musayev**, Minister of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Mladen Ivanic**, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2018
- **Jan Fischer**, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic 2009-2010

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

PANEL 5

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

11:30- 13:00 SOUTH CAUCASUS, RECONCILIATION, COOPERATION & INTEGRATION

- How can relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan that have been completely destroyed owing to the protracted armed conflict and previous wars be restored?
- Who could be the honest broker for the Armenian-Azerbaijani normalization process?
- Who could be the potential spoilers and how can their attempts be minimized?
- What can be done to reconcile different narratives?
- How can the world ensure political stability and peace in the South Caucasus?

Moderator:

- **Valdis Zatlers**, President of Latvia 2007-2011

Speakers:

- **Jeyhun Bayramov**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan
- **Eka Tkeshelashvili**, Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia 2010-2012
- **Hikmet Cetin**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey 1991-1994
- **Lazar Comanescu**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania 2008, 2015-2017; Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

13:30 - 14:45 Lunch

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Rast room

“Acting Meaningfully to Address Climate Change”

Moderator:

- **Maria Fernanda Espinosa**, 73rd President of the UN General Assembly

Speakers:

- **Tarja Halonen**, President of Finland 2000-2012 (Digital)

PANEL 6

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

14:45- 16:00 A CHANGING EUROPE & THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN BALKANS

- Is there a widely accepted vision for Europe (EU and non-EU) that encompasses more than an economic common market?
- Can Europe become the global champion of the fundamental freedoms that the instruments that advance our human rights promise to all citizens?

- How does Brexit and the rise of illiberal democracies within Europe affect the role that the EU should play on the world scene?
- What sort of military security arrangements can be worked out between Europe and its neighbors and what role would the US and Russia play in an emerging new architecture?
- How can the EU effectively promote more effective peace and security arrangements in Eastern Europe?
- What sort of relationships should exist between the EU and the Western Balkans and the Southern Caucasus?

Moderators:

- **Susan Elliott**, Amb (ret.), President & CEO of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy
- **Zlatko Lagumdžija**, Prime Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2002, deputy Prime Minister 1992-1996, 2012-2015

Speakers:

- **Ivo Josipovic**, President of Croatia 2010-2015
- **Ekaterina Zaharieva**, deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria 2017-2021
- **Boris Tadic**, President of Serbia 2004-2012
- **Michel Foucher**, Center for Higher European Studies (Paris/ Strasburg/Brussels); French Ambassador to Latvia 2002-2006, special advisor to the French Foreign Minister 1997-2002; head of the French Policy Planning Staff 1999-2022; Special envoy to the Balkans and the Caucasus 1999
- **Peter Medgyessy**, Prime Minister of Hungary 2002-2004
- **Filip Vujanovic**, President of Montenegro 2003-2018

16:00-16:30

Coffee Break

PANEL 7

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

16:30- 18:00 THE SEARCH FOR PEACE, STABILITY & DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST & THROUGHOUT THE ARAB & MUSLIM WORLD

- With these enormous and widespread tensions all over the map, who are the main actors who can promote a better framework for promoting peace and security and stability in the region?
- What might settlements of these disputes look like?
- What are the prospects of nuclear proliferation in the region, and how can such prospects be minimized?
- The region still represents a very large critical mass in the world energy production and export of oil and gas, and they synchronize much of these discussions with Russia (OPEC+), how does that affect the volatility of the energy markets?
- What about the Sunni-Shi'a split and its impact on the role of both state and non-state actors in the region and beyond?
- Is there a risk of a return of Da'ish (ISIS) and its ilk among extremist elements, especially after the victory of the Taliban in Afghanistan?

Keynote Speaker:

- **Mohammad Shtayyeh**, Prime Minister of the State of Palestine
- **Ahmed Aboul Gheit**, Secretary-General, the League of Arab States

Moderator:

- **Amre Moussa**, Secretary-General Arab League 2001-2011, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt 1991-2001

Speakers:

- **Ouided Bouchamaoui**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2015
- **Djoomart Otorbayev**, Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan 2014-2015
- **Abdulaziz Altwaijri**, Former Director-General of ISESCO

20:00 Dinner in partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

22:00 Night Owl Session: "Implications of the war in Ukraine on the Middle East and Africa"

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Shushtar room

Moderator:

- **Petre Roman**, Prime Minister of Romania 1989-1991

Speakers:

- **Amre Moussa**, Secretary-General Arab League 2001-2011, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt 1991-2001
- **Festus Mogae**, President of Botswana 1998-2008; Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Change (TBC)
- **Aichatou Mindaoudou**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Niger 1999-2010, Deputy Joint Special Representative for the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) 2012 - 2013; Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and head of United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) 2013-2017

18 JUNE | SATURDAY

PANEL 8

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

09:00 - 10:30 GLOBALIZATION & RISING INEQUALITIES

- Does focusing on economic inequalities tend to hide the gender dimension of inequalities?
- How about the inequalities derived from discrimination against minorities?
- Should we look at inequalities in wealth as well as income?
- Should one of the areas of our concern be changing the global tax regime to avoid tax havens for the rich and to bring greater equity in the tax system?
- Would such global new tax measures – presumably enshrined in appropriate conventions – be effectively enforceable?
- To what extent can we ensure that whatever is done in that area would benefit the poor who remain the most vulnerable on any issue, under any measurement scale?
- How much of this movement can be reinforced at the international multilateral level rather than within national boundaries where measures such as wealth taxes, redistribution of farmland to peasants and landless farm labor in poor countries, livable minimum wage, and guaranteed access to health care and education are actually enforced?

Moderator:

- **Francis O'Donnell**, Ambassador (ret., SMOM) and UN Resident Coordinator for Ukraine 2004-2009 (TBC)

Speakers:

- **Mats Karlsson**, Vice-President of the World Bank 1999-2002
- **Mikayil Jabbarov**, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Rosalía Arteaga Serrano**, President of Ecuador 1997
- **Katalin Bogyay**, President of UNESCO 36th General Conference, former UN and UNESCO Ambassador of Hungary, Founder Women4Diplomacy

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

PANEL 9

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

11:00 - 12:15 HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY & NEW CHALLENGES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

- Why is there a clear alienation of a significant part of the citizenry from the democratic systems that were so admired a few decades ago?
- If the "will of the people" can be manufactured by marketing strategies, fake news, and confirmation bias, then how **real** is democracy?
- If the expanse between decision-making elites and a mobilized public grows, then how **functional** is democracy?
- If political alienation and apathy increase, then how **representative** is democracy?
- And how can individual Human Rights for all be adequately protected against such tendencies in the body-politic?
- What are the primary tenets of the new global order going to emphasize as new, more centralized political models (such as China and Singapore) gain admiration and influence, while the traditional democracies of the West seem to be challenged by movements even within their own body-politics ?

Moderator:

- **Kerry Kennedy**, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

Speakers:

- **Petar Stoyanov**, President of Bulgaria 1997-2002
- **Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic**, President of Croatia 2015-2020
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, Co-Chair NGIC, President of Latvia 1999-2007
- **Sabina Aliyeva**, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Farida Allaghi**, Human Rights Defender; Representative of Libya to the European Union 2015-2016

PANEL 10

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

12:15 - 13:30 POVERTY, HUNGER & THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE FOOD & AGRICULTURE SECTOR

- Climate friendly agriculture is needed everywhere, what should be the lessons learned from the experience of the rich countries?
- Agriculture uses about 70% of the world's water withdrawals, what can be done about this as there are many shared rivers in the world, and rainfall is becoming more and more erratic?

- Given the issue of the war in Ukraine and the impact on food prices, what should be the role of storage and buffer stocks – locally, regionally and internationally?
- What is happening with the rapid deforestation in the world?
- What about the desertification of once fertile lands?
- There is a huge problem of food waste (FAO estimates around 14% globally of produced food does not reach the consumer – what can be done about this?
- How can we best harness the ICT and robotics and AI revolution for the benefit of the poor?
- How about mobilizing new biology to help confront poverty and hunger?
- What about fisheries and aquaculture, how much can they contribute to solving the problems being discussed?
- How do we protect the biodiversity of the seeds and protect the gene banks we developed?

Moderator:

- **Elouafi Ismahane**, Chief Scientist Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (digital)

Speakers:

- **Amb. Cindy McCain**, United States Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome
- **Inam Karimov**, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Ameenah Gurib-Fakim**, President of Mauritius 2015-2018
- **Amb. Allan Mustard**, former US Ambassador to Turkmenistan, agricultural attache/counselor to USSR, Turkey, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Mexico, India, Sri Lanka
- **Ehud Barak**, Prime Minister of Israel 1999-2001
- **Barbara L. Stinson**, President World Food Foundation

13:30-14:30

Lunch

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Rast room

“Reconstruction after the War”

PANEL 11

Venue: Four Seasons Hotel/ Seygah Ballroom

15:00 - 16:30 YOUTH SPEAK, WE LISTEN

Moderator:

- **Kateryna Yushchenko**, First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010

19:00 CLOSING DINNER: HOW CAN WE MOVE FORWARD?

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Moderator:

- **Rovshan Muradov**, Secretary-General, Nizami Ganjavi International Center

Speakers:

- **Ismail Serageldin**, Co-Chair NGIC; Vice-President of the World Bank 1992-2000, Emeritus Librarian of Alexandria
- **Ilir Meta**, President of the Republic of Albania
- **Kerry Kennedy**, President of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
- **HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal AlSaud**, Chairman of the Board, King Faisal Center for Research & Islamic Studies
- **Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
- **Hedva Ser**, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO
- **Chau Chak Wing**, Co-Chair of the Global Circle of the NGIC, President of Australia China Friendship and Exchange Association; Founder and Chairman of the Kingold Group, Chair of the Asia-Pacific Region WLA-Club de Madrid President's Circle
- **Vaira Vike-Freiberga**, Co-Chair NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007

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