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Welcome Aboard!

Honourable Bill Graham as New Chairman of the ACC

We welcome the **Honourable Bill Graham**, PC, QC, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council of Canada. The announcement was made during our Annual General Meeting on 28 June 2007.

Bill Graham was born in Montréal and grew up in Vancouver. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA in law and received a doctorate in legal sciences from the University of Paris. He practiced law in Toronto and taught International law at the University of Toronto and was a visiting professor at McGill and l'Université de Montréal

Bill Graham was first elected as the Liberal MP for Toronto-Centre-Rosedale in 1993. He was re-elected in 1997, 2000, 2004, and 2006. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2002 to 2004, Minister of Defence from 2004 to 2006 and became the interim Liberal leader in 2006. He resigned from the House of Commons in June 2007. He is married to Catherine Curry and they have two children.

The Hon. Bill Graham succeeds **Col. Frederic (Eric) L.R. Jackman**, CStJ, PhD, OOnt, as Chairman. Dr. Jackman, who has been with the Atlantic Council of Canada since 2002, will remain involved with the ACC as Immediate Past Chairman.

At this time, the ACC would like to thank Dr Jackman for his service to the Atlantic Council of Canada and for the support he has given to us and to other members of the Executive Committee during his time as Chairman.



Chairman

The Hon. Bill Graham
PC QC

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The new ACC Chairman the Hon. Bill Graham, (centre) with Immediate Past Chairman, Dr. Jackman (right) and Past Chairman, the Hon. Roy MacLaren (left) at this year's Annual General Meeting.

ACC Staff: Good-bye and Hello!

It is always sad to say good-bye to someone who has become a valued colleague. **Marlene Bukowski**, our German intern, has finished her tenure with the Atlantic Council of Canada. She has gone back to Bremen, Germany to complete her Bachelor of Arts in International Economics at the University of Applied Sciences. All of us at the ACC will miss her enthusiasm and resourcefulness in the office on a daily basis. However, there is a chance Marlene will come for the 53rd ATA Assembly in Ottawa. Thank you Marlene for all the work you have done for the ACC and we hope to see you back in Canada shortly.

At same time we are excited to welcome **Luisa Sargsyan** to the Atlantic Council of Canada. She will work in our office for twelve months starting in July, 2007. The Internship is part of the Department of National Defence, Security and Defence Forum program. In early August, **Svetlana Polyakov**, will join our team as part of the Scotiabank internship programme. She will remain onboard for the duration of 2007 and help the ACC prepare for the ATA General Assembly scheduled in the fall.

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The Present Day Challenge of NATO: Canada's Role



The past ten years have seen the extraordinary transformation of NATO from the Cold War Transatlantic Alliance of Western European countries and North America into a broader alliance with greater, and more complex, goals.

First we saw the expansion of NATO to include many members of the former Warsaw Pact and Eastern Europe who saw it as their guarantee against another Russian occupation. Seeking to reduce the inevitable tensions that provoked with Russia, we then created the NATO-Russia Council to encourage dialogue and co-operation at the highest levels.

Who could have foreseen some ten years ago that the first time Article V, the Treaty's obligation of collective security, would be invoked would be to draw NATO far from Europe into the depths of Central Asia in Afghanistan: a mission of great military and diplomatic complexity: one that puts NATO, and its members, in the forefront of a struggle that is essential for the stability of the Islamic world and, in the end global security? It is a struggle of insurgency warfare that calls for constant tactical, strategic and political responses far from those foreseen in the manuals of traditional warfare, but one based upon important lessons learned in theatres such as Bosnia. What's more, NATO is there as an agent of the UN, an illustration of how this special alliance is now a global asset. As such it has even had a limited role in the crisis of Darfur and it inevitably will be called upon again in other humanitarian situations.

To this add Mediterranean security issues, the evolution of a European Defence Force, and one quickly realizes that NATO today is a central instrument of security of the world and as such a central focus of Canada's foreign and defence policies.

Indeed Canada has played an important role in all of the elements enunciated above: we supported the expansion into Eastern Europe and a new NATO-Russia relationship. We are key contributors to the afghan Mission which will determine NATO's future, we participate in the Mediterranean activities and we work with our European partners to ensure that the evolving European defence arrangements are complementary to, and not competitive with, NATO.

In the end NATO today, while at the core a security alliance, is also a much more complex forum for foreign policy issues that are central to Canada's concerns. NATO summits bring our leaders together, and meetings of foreign ministers cover issues much broader than those of the defence ministers' concerns.

This then means that NATO, its role and future, are of vital concern to Canadians. Today we are preoccupied with our participation in Afghanistan, tomorrow it may well be elsewhere. Our citizens must be informed about NATO; our politicians better engaged in this issue. The Atlantic Council of Canada is the only body that has the capacity to engage our citizens while at the same time working with our allies through the Atlantic Council itself to ensure that Canada's voice is heard in a situation that is so key to our future.

My experience as Foreign Minister and then Defence Minister convinced me of the importance of NATO. It also concerned me that Canadians often lacked the elements they need to effectively judge our participation in, and support for, this key institution. I was therefore very pleased when I was asked to take on the role of Chairman of the Atlantic Council of Canada. We have an excellent office and dedicated staff led by our effective President, Julie Lindhout.

Hon. Bill Graham, PC, QC

Northern Lights

Canadian Rangers in Northern Canada



The Board of Directors Meeting, held on 18 April 2007, was followed by a presentation by **Sgt. Peter Moon**, Public Affairs Ranger for 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group at Canadian Forces, Base Borden. His talk focused on the role of the Canadian

Rangers in Canada's most northern Polar Regions. Sgt. Moon, who has participated in a number of Arctic Sovereignty Patrols, captivated the audience with his pictures, anecdotes and personal experiences. For many listeners in attendance, including the author, this was a unique glimpse into a life and environment that almost seems foreign. However make no mistake, this frozen tundra is certainly Canada; it constitutes a large and strategically important Canadian territory.



Upwards of 60,000 inhabitants, mostly Inuit, call this part of Canada home, where they continue to fish, hunt and live in very traditional ways. Located in 163 remote and isolated coastal communities across Canada, the Canadian Rangers participate in protecting her sovereignty as well as defend-

ing her coastal interests. They play an important role in assisting Canadian Forces members and others by providing local expertise, guidance and advice, conducting Arctic Sovereignty Patrols, and providing local assistance to search and rescue activities in some of the most isolated parts of Canada. As members of Canada's Reserve Force, these traditional and proud peoples help guard Canadian sovereignty in such remote regions like Baffin Bay and Ellesmere Island with the help of snowmobiles and dogsleds.



And although the Rangers and their families live in such isolation and harsh conditions, they have not lost their sense of humour. According to Sgt. Moon, one of the first things the Rangers taught him about polar bear attacks was to turn sharply to the left if he was ever being chased by one. "Why left you ask? Polar bears break and turn slower to their left, leaving you with an extra four seconds to live," anecdotally explained Sgt. Moon.

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New Director

During this year's Annual General Meeting, the Council welcomed the following director: **Clive Coombs**. Mr. Coombs spent 21 years at AGF Management and was instrumental in growing the company from multi-million boutique to a large multi-billion asset management company. The last ten years of his tenure at AGF, he was the Executive Vice-President in charge of Fund Management. He remains one of Canada's best-known money managers. For the last two years, he has managed Sandton Capital, a private hedge fund.

ACC Fundraising Reception at the Jackmans'

On Monday, 4 June 2007, The Atlantic Council of Canada Chairman, **Frederic L.R. Jackman** and **Mrs. Sarah Jackman**, hosted a fundraising reception for the ACC at their beautiful home in Rosedale, Toronto.



Aside from raising awareness about the ACC and its activities, the reception went a long way in helping the Council prepare for the annual Atlantic Treaty Association Assembly taking place later on this fall in Ottawa. The event was a sounding success thanks to the Jackmans' good humour and warm Canadian hospitality. Everyone who attended on this beautiful evening, enjoyed many varieties of delicious food, wine, and desserts. Nevertheless, the main purpose of the reception was not lost amongst all the delicatessens. The ACC was able to raise some much needed funds for the upcoming ATA Assembly in Ottawa, which will bring together delegates from all the Atlantic Treaty Associations in the NATO Member and Partner countries and will greatly enhance Canada's reputation on the international scene. The ACC would like to extend its thanks and gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Jackman for hosting such a worth while event.



Mrs. Lindhout, the ACC president, speaking about the ACC at the Jackmans' reception. Standing to her left is ACC director Mr. Terrance Wolff, and opposite is his wife Mrs. Irene Wolff.

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The 2nd Annual Atlantic Council of Canada Golf Tournament

Following the success of last year's fundraising golf tournament, the Atlantic Council of Canada once again hit the links at the Glen Eagle Golf Club on 12 June 2007 for the 2nd Annual ACC Golf Tournament. This year's main attraction was Canada's very own **General Rick Hillier**, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff. After enjoying a great round of golf, Gen. Hillier delivered a powerful and riveting speech during the dinner reception on the present and future direction of the Canadian Forces (CF). He spoke in lengths about the importance of Canada's peacekeeping and reconstruction mission in Afghanistan and gave specific examples of the work done by the Canadian contingent. He also stressed the significance of reconnecting with the Canadian public, making sure that Canadians were informed about the day-to-day activities of the CF and were proud of the service men and women representing their interests all over the globe.



ACC staff alongside Gen. Rick Hillier: Marlene Bukowski, Julie Lindhout, Pawel Osiej, and Sandy Samuels

Above all however, the golf tournament helped raise awareness about many important issues affecting Canadians today. It also served as a fundraiser to aid the ACC in its preparations for the 53rd General Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association. This assembly, which will bring together delegates in Ottawa from all the Atlantic Treaty Associations in the NATO Member and Partner countries, will undoubtedly enhance Canada's reputation on the international scene and hopefully spark much needed debate on NATO's role in Afghanistan, global terrorism and democracy-building. The ACC is looking forward to hosting the 53rd General Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association in Ottawa, from 31 October to 2 November 2007.



Gen. Rick Hillier's presentation on the Future of the Canadian Forces

NHL Hall of Famers, **Brad Park** and **Gerry Cheevers** provided the night's comic relief by performing a stand-up routine during which Brad Park asked the General to consider managing the Toronto Maple Leafs. Gerry Cheevers pointed out that if the General ran the Maple Leafs like he did the CF, the Maple Leafs' Stanley Cup drought would surely be over by now.



John McFadyen, Dr. E. Jackman, Bill Bucler, and Andy Mahut

In the end, everyone who attended this year's golf tournament had a wonderful time playing golf, enjoyed great food and won some great prizes. The ACC team has already started to work on next year's tournament, and we look forward to seeing everyone come out and support the ACC again next year.



Gerry Cheevers, Gen. Hillier, Peter Mahovich, and Brad Park

A Tale of Two Places

*The AGM featuring guest speaker
Ms. Nelofer Pazira*

This year's Annual General Meeting, held on 28 June, was all about contrasts and disparity. The directors, members and guests who attended the meeting, heard two accounts poles apart about two very distinct and different places. On one hand, the audience heard about the current state of the Atlantic Council of Canada, which has turned the corner in 2007, and on the other hand, Afghanistan, which according to guest speaker Ms. Nelofer Pazira, a noted author, journalist and television personality, remains a failed and desperate place.

Mrs. Julie Lindhout, the President of the Atlantic Council, opened the AGM with encouraging news of stability and growth within the ACC. In addition, the Hon. Bill Graham was named new Chairman of the Atlantic Council of Canada taking over from Dr. Jackman, whose tremendous dedication and effort helped the ACC become what it is today. It is thanks to such dedication, sponsorship and engagement that the future of the Atlantic Council of Canada is looking better than it has in many years. With a solid foundation, the organization can now focus on engaging more and more Canadians on issues of security, trans-Atlantic relations and other important international issues.

Sadly, the situation in Afghanistan is not very optimistic. This war-torn country and its people remain in a permanent state of uncertainty. The story of Afghanistan, as told by Nelofer Pazira, is one of violence and suffering. The history of Afghanistan, according to Ms. Pazira, has changed very little over the past two hundred years: Afghanistan remains a pawn in the political chess match between empires, superpowers and regional actors. It is a country where natural, political and religious borders crisscross one another creating diversity, uncertainty, and division. To the people living within its borders, NATO is in danger of simply becoming another foreign occupation in a long list of occupiers, which includes the British and more recently the Soviets. According to Ms. Pazira, it is up to NATO to change that perception, to make sure that they finish the job right before packing up and leaving. Only then will they gain the



Nelofer Pazira

The star of the movie "Kandahar" was born in India. The family returned to Kabul when Nelofer was a child. She grew up in the Afghan capitol during the Russian occupation of her country. The Paziras fled to Pakistan in 1989, when Nelofer was sixteen. She lived in Pakistan as a refugee for more than a year before migrating to Canada. She obtained a degree in Journalism and English Literature from Carleton University in Ottawa and completed her MA thesis (Anthropology/Sociology and Religion) at Concordia University, Montreal.

At Carleton, she was a member of 'International Student Association', 'Muslim Student Association', 'Committee on Bosnia/Herzegovina', 'The Middle East Discussion Group' and helped set up 'Afghan Student Association' and 'Action Group for Afghan Women'. At Concordia, she organized 'Voices of Conscious' to oppose the economic sanctions in Iraq.

Since 1996, Nelofer has made two documentary films about Iran. As a journalist, she has worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Radio and Television, written for Sight & Sound (the British Film Institute Magazine), Elm Street, McLeans, The Ottawa Citizen, Toronto Star, The Independent (UK), Panorama (Italy), and El Semanal (Spain).

Nelofer was awarded the "Prix d' interpretation" by the New Cinema, New Media -- Montreal Film Festival (October 2001) for her role in the movie "Kandahar". She has been a guest speaker at women's conferences, universities and symposiums, as well as a jury at the Locarno, Sao-Paulo, Montreal, and Geneva Human Rights film festivals. She co-directed the feature-length documentary film "Return to Kandahar", winner of 2003 Gemini (Donald Brittain Award for Best Social/Political documentary). She is a regular contributor to CBC "National".

Seven years ago, she established her own independent film company, "Kandahar Films Inc." (Formerly named Icebreaker Films). She's set up a charity -- "Dyana Afghan Women's Fund", in memory of her friend -- to provide education for women in Afghanistan.

A Bed of Red Flowers: In Search of My Afghanistan is her first book published in English, Dutch and Arabic.

respect of the Afghan people. Unlike the British and Soviets before them, NATO must continue its mission and help finally rebuild Afghanistan so that it can reach its potential as a prosperous and viable state, a stabilizing force in the region. This is precisely the reason why Canada's role is so important to the success of the NATO mission. With a long history and legacy in international development and peacekeeping, Canada, despite the dangers and setbacks, must continue to lead the way in the reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and not stray from the course.

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Up Coming Events

Fall 2007, TBD

- Joint Atlantic Council of Canada and Royal Canadian Military Institute lunch at the RCMI with **VAdm. Drew Robertson**, Chief of the Maritime Staff.

"Canada's Navy Now and into the Future"

\$35.00 inclusive

Dress: Business Attire

Time: 1200 - 1330hr

More details to follow.

31 October to 2 Friday November 2007

- **The 53rd Annual Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association** will be held in Ottawa. Please visit our website or call our office for more details and programme updates.