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Have the pleasure of inviting you to an online discussion:

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: A RENEWED AGENDA FOR FUTURE COOPERATION

December 9, 2021 - 11:00 - 12:30 (EET)

Speakers:

- Ms. Salome Shapakidze - Director General Directorate-General for European Integration Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

- Ms. Daniela Cujbă - Director General of the European Integration Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

- Ms. Maryna Mykhaylenko - Director of the Department General for the EU and NATO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

- Mr. Plamen Georgiev, special coordinator for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

Moderator:

- Mr. Yordan Bozhilov - President of Sofia Security Forum

The goal of the event is to have a constructive discussion on the achievements of the Eastern Partnership, but most importantly on the priorities and opportunities for future cooperation.

The Eastern Partnership was launched in 2009 as a mechanism to strengthen and deepen the political and economic relations between the European Union, its Member States and the six partner countries from Eastern Europe and South Caucasus. EaP has been proven over the years to be an effective platform for cooperation.

The next Eastern Partnership Summit on December 15, 2021 is expected to show the way for the future development of the Initiative and the cooperation with individual countries. On the one hand, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine express clear commitment and desire to further strengthening the cooperation with the EU. The "Associated Trio" initiative for deeper integration of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine with the EU is a clear sign in this direction. On the other hand, the Summit will be held in the absence of one of the participating countries – Belarus, which suspended its participation in the Eastern Partnership. At the same time, the relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan remain extremely tense.

Against this background, the Summit will have to take important decisions on the future of the Eastern Partnership and the cooperation between the EU and the participating countries.

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