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Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby invite you to apply to participate in a programme of NATO workshops, jointly organized by TransConflict Serbia, the Youth Dialogue Programme and the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies.

The initial workshop, entitled 'The Evolution of Collective Security: NATO in the 21st Century', is supported by the Czech Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Jagello 2000, and will take place in Fruška Gora from 25-26th July.

The purpose of this series of workshops is to stimulate broader debate on and deeper understanding about Serbia's current and future relations with NATO, particularly amongst young professionals from a variety of backgrounds. The other planned workshops, which will be organised throughout the course of 2009 and into 2010, will explore themes such as the Partnership for Peace (PfP) program, energy security, regional experiences of NATO accession and operations, security sector reform and NATO's relations with the EU and Russia.

The workshops will also contain a skills-building element, designed to strengthen each participant's capacity to communicate more effectively the benefits of collective security. These modules will include contact skills, such as communication, negotiation and facilitation, 'framing' information and decisions, risk comparisons and the persuasive use of facts.

The workshops constitute the first phase of a comprehensive programme of activities exploring Serbia's integration into Euro-Atlantic structures, with selected participants eventually having the opportunity to take part in a series of learning and study exchange visits to neighbouring countries and specialist training centres.

This programme is conceptualised so as to serve as a platform for the development of future leaders and security experts, who will increasingly be involved in discussions about Serbia's future within a Euro-Atlantic collective security environment.

If you are interested in participating in this programme, please send a copy of your Curriculum Vitae to office@transconflict.com. As the workshops will primarily be conducted in English, could you please also state clearly your level of English comprehension. All successful candidates will be notified by mid-July.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

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