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DRAFT PROGRAMME

**CONFERENCE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE-SECURITY
FORUM**

Budapest, Hungary - September 5-6-7, 2021

Sunday, September 5

18:00 *Garden Reception at the Residence of the Chief of Mission of the
Embassy of the United States
Venue: Zugligeti út*

19:15 *Departure to the Marriott Hotel*

Monday, September 6

08:00 *Departure to the Parliament building from Marriott Hotel
Entrance Gate XII.
Registration of the participants
(Please present your ID, vaccination certificate, or negative PCR-
test when boarding the bus/at the entrance of the Parliament.)*

Coffee available during the Conference without full coffee breaks

09:00 Opening of the Conference

- **Mr. László Kövér**, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly – '5 (Hungary)
- **Congressman Robert Pittenger**, Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum –'5 (United States)
- **Hon. Marc Dillard**, Chargé d'Affaires, a.i., U.S. Embassy in Budapest (Hungary)
- **Senator Joni Ernst**, United States Senate (United States) (Videomessage)

Introductory speech by:

- **Mr. Péter Szijjártó**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade – '10 (Hungary)

09:25-09:45 Keynote speech by:

- **Sir David Amess**, MP, United Kingdom, Member of the Panel of Chairs - '20 (United Kingdom)

- 09:45-10:45** **Panel 1. – Risks of cryptocurrencies, regulatory challenges**
- **Mr. J.C. Boggs**, Partner and Co-lead, FinTech, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency practice, King & Spalding (United States)
 - **Mr. Erik Bethel**, Distinguished Fellow at Chamber of Digital Commerce (United States)
 - **Mr. Jim Shinn**, (United States)
 - **Mr. Theodore S. Boone**, Of Counsel, Dentons Budapest, Member of the Faculty, Corvinus University of Budapest School of Business and former President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary (Hungary)
 - **Q&A**
- 10:45-11:30** **Panel 2. - Quantum Computing**
- **Hon. Scott Taylor**, Former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Navy Seal in Iraq, Afghanistan, Latin America (United States) (Video)
 - **Congressman Denver Riggleman**, former Member of the United States House of Representatives, US Air Force Intelligence Officer (United States)
 - **Q&A**
- 11:30-12:20** **Panel 3. – Enhancing cooperation of Parliaments, Best Practices**
- **Hon. Pavel Popescu**, Member of Parliament (Romania)
 - **Hon. Marco Zanni**, Italian MEP (Italy) (Virtual)
 - **Mr. István Simicskó**, Member of the Hungarian National Assembly, former Minister of Defense
 - **Mr. Kamal Jafarov**, Member of Azerbaijani Parliament, Head of Azerbaijani Delegation to GRECO
 - **Q&A**
- 12:20 – 12:40** **Panel 4. - Assessing the risks of biological weapons use: the dual-use dilemma and challenges for arms control.**
- **Dr. Steve Bennett**, Ph.D., Director Global Public Sector at SAS; former Director of the National Biosurveillance Integration Center, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - **Q&A**
- 12:40 – 12:45** **Family photo**
- 12:45 – 13:30** **Buffet lunch**
- 13:30-14:45** **Panel 5 – Illicit trade, trade-based money laundering, adversarial foreign investments, adversarial threats**

- **Mr. Alejo Campos**, Regional Director – CEO, CBLA Crime Stoppers (Panama)
- **Dr. Sohan Dasgupta**, Former Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (United States)
- **Hon. Matt Pottinger**, Former Deputy National Security Advisor (United States) (Virtual)
- **Hon. Andreas Jahn**, Bundestag Foreign Policy Senior Advisor (Germany)

14:45-16:00

Panel 6. - The dual use of AI – possibilities and risks, legal regulation, cybersecurity, 5G

- **Mr. Surjeet Mahant**, Managing Director at K2 Integrity and head of Cyber Risk Management Services (United States) (Virtual)
- **Mr. John Strand**, CEO, Strand Consult (Denmark)
- **Hon. Pavel Popescu**, Member of Parliament (Romania)
- **Ms. Éva Ambrus**, Researcher from the National University of Public Service (Hungary)
- **Hon. Jacob Norwood**, Cybersecurity Executive, Booz Allen Hamilton (United States)

16:00-17:15

Panel 7. - Illicit finance, financial integrity software solutions, biological warfare

- **Dr. Gábor Simonka**, Head of HFIU (Hungary)
- **Hon. Andreas Frank**, AML/CFT advisor for the Bundestag, Council of Europe and the European Parliament (Germany)
- **Mr. Joseph Humire**, Executive Director, Center for a Secure Free Society (United States)

17:15-17:45

Panel 8. - Human Trafficking/Illicit Finance

- **Ms. Anne Basham**, Chief Executive Officer at ATI (United States)
- **Honorable Barbara Comstock**, Former Member of Congress (United States)

17:45-18:00

Closing of the Conference

- **Congressman Robert Pittenger**, Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum (United States)
- **Mr. István Simicskó**, Member of the Hungarian National Assembly, former Minister of Defense

18:00

Reception

18:45

Guided tour of the Parliament building (optional)

19:30

End of the program

Departure for the Marriott Hotel