

President Toomas Hendrik Ilves will fly to Germany tomorrow morning, where the Munich Security Conference, one of the most influential annual European security and foreign policy conferences, is to take place.

Tomorrow, the Estonian Head of State will discuss the new threats of the 21st century with senior officials, acknowledged experts, and analysts – from the United States to Kazakhstan – focusing largely on cyber defence issues and the imperative need for international co-operation in this sphere.

On Saturday, President Ilves will facilitate a discussion that will focus on arms control, at which the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, the National Security Advisor in the Obama Administration, Mr. Thomas Donilon, Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Mr. Sergei Ivanov, and the former German Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, will participate.

The following people will also take part in the 47th Munich Security Conference: Ms Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany; Mr. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General; Mr. Herman van Rompuy, President of the European Council, and Ms. Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, NATO Secretary General; Mr. David Cameron, British Prime Minister; Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of Afghanistan; Mr. Mikheil Saakašvili, Georgian Head of State and Ms. Dalia Grybauskaite, Lithuanian Head of State; Ms Hillary Clinton, United States Secretary of State; Ms Michéle Alliot-Marie, French Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Sergei Lavrov, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The impact of the financial crisis on general security and safety, cyber security, developments in the Arab world, and the future of Afghanistan will also be discussed at the conference.

The Head of State will return to Estonia on Sunday, 6 February.

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