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**NACC SEMINAR ON DEMILITARIZATION AND DISARMAMENT  
IN TRANSITION: SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES  
TO BE HELD IN MINSK, REPUBLIC OF BELARUS  
22-24 MARCH 1995**

A Seminar on Demilitarization and Disarmament in Transition: Socio-Economic Consequences, as scheduled in the 1995 Workplan of the North Atlantic Cooperation Council (NACC), will be held from 22-24 March 1995 in Minsk, Republic of Belarus. The Belarus host is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Seminar will bring together some 35-50 experts from Allied and Cooperation Partner countries for discussions on various economic aspects of countries undergoing demilitarization and disarmament during transition. A general section will establish the overall framework for the exchanges, followed by a series of presentations on specific country and/or enterprise experiences. Stressing the importance of the socio-economic consequences of the changes, a third section will focus on human resources and the programmes designed to protect their status during the transition. Two sections will be devoted to the role of governments at different levels and the function of international organizations. Finally, a summary section will investigate practical follow-up activities which can be used to enhance the benefits of the Seminar.

**A press briefing will be held on Friday, 24 March, 10.30 hours, at the Conference Room, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minsk, Ulica Lenina 19 (telephone int'l 7-0172-277137).**

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