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## **NATO presented and discussed in the Portuguese Parliament**

**Oeiras, Portugal** - "Portugal is an important geostrategic place for the Alliance", Admiral James G. Stavridis, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), stated today in Lisbon. He was invited to give a speech in the conference "NATO after Lisbon" which was conducted by the National Defence Commission of the Portuguese Parliament this morning. He stressed the significant contribution from Allied Joint Force Command Lisbon (JFCLB) to NATO's efforts to secure the waterways around the Horn of Africa. Under the command of French Lieutenant General Philippe Stoltz, JFCLB has been successfully directing the counter-piracy mission Operation Ocean Shield (OOS) since summer 2009. As for NATO's biggest operation ISAF, he was optimistic: "We can and we will succeed in Afghanistan!"

Dr. Karl Lamers, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, emphasized Portugal's long and outstanding commitment to NATO, before he elaborated on NATO's future perspectives after the NATO Summit which had been held in November 2010 in Lisbon. The new Strategic Concept of NATO will be the key to work on current security issues such as cyber security, cooperation with Russia, and missile defence.

From the Portuguese side, the audience was addressed by Mr. Jaime Gama, President of the Assembly of the Republic, General Valença Pinto, Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Member of Parliament Mr. Jose Luis Arnaut, Chairman of the National Defence Committee, and Member of Parliament Mr. Jose Lello, Head of the Portuguese Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. A big number of young Portuguese cadets used the opportunity to make themselves acquainted with the ongoing NATO issues and the perspectives of the organization and attended the conference.

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