



## ***HAnalys***

### ***Deepening foreign and security policy debate between Finland and Sweden***

**Wednesday September 6 2017 9am to 1pm  
Hanaholmen – the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre  
Hanasaarenranta 5, Espoo, Finland**

Moderator: **Ms Kirsi Heikel**

As neighbouring states with shared values, culture as well as multilayered interdependency and deep mutual trust, political cooperation between Finland and Sweden have long historical traditions. In recent years, this cooperation has gained new momentum and importance as international tension in their shared neighbourhood has grown.

Both Finland and Sweden have sought to increase security and stability in the region in many ways. First, both Finland and Sweden have increased their input in national territorial defence. Second, they have actively supported the development of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy as well as increased cooperation and coordination between the EU and NATO. They have signed bilateral defence cooperation agreements with the US. Third, Finland and Sweden have strengthened and developed the bilateral defence cooperation between the countries. Today, the defence cooperation between Finland and Sweden goes further and deeper than ever before.

Furthermore, Finland and Sweden are ready to develop wider foreign policy cooperation. In order to foster a deeper debate on foreign policy issues and potential for cooperation, the foreign ministers of Finland and Sweden are hosting the HAnalys Conference in cooperation with Hanaholmen in Helsinki 5-6 September 2017. This event brings together political decision-makers, opinion builders, representatives of business life as well as researchers and practitioners to discuss current international and European challenges, and Finland's and Sweden's potential role in solving them.

#### **PROGRAMME**

- 9.00 Welcoming words by Ms Gunvor Kronman, CEO of Hanaholmen**
- 9.10 Opening remarks by Mr Timo Soini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland**
- 9.25 *Finland and Sweden: Thinking Nordic, Acting Global: Key Note* by Mr Jan Eliasson, former MFA of Sweden and Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, Chair of SIPRI Governing Board**
- 9.45 Comment by Mr John C. Kornblum, Ambassador, Senior Counselor, USA**

- 10.00**      **Panel discussion**  
**Marina Kaljurand**, Chair of The Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace ,former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Estonia  
**Kenneth G. Forslund**, Member of Parliament, Chair, Foreign Policy Committee, Sweden  
**Pavel Baev**, Research professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway  
**Ilkka Kanerva**, Member of Parliament, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finland
- 10.15**      **Discussion**
- 10.55**      **Coffee break**
- 11.20**      ***The Future of the EU: From Confusion to Strength?* Key Note by Mr Franz Thönnies**, Deputy Chairman, Committee for Foreign Affairs, German Bundestag
- 11.40**      **Comment by Mr Charles P. Ries**, ambassador, Vice President of Rand International
- 11.55**      **Panel discussion**  
**Gunilla Herolf**, member of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, Sweden  
**Stefan Wallin**, Member of Parliament, former Minister of Defence, member of Foreign Affairs Committee, Finland  
**Karin Enström**, Member of Parliament, member of Foreign Affairs Committee, Sweden
- 12.05**      **Discussion**
- 12.50**      **Concluding Remarks by Ms Margot Wallström, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden**
- 13.00**      **Lunch for speakers and panelists**