



## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC: PHILIPPINE AND RUSSIAN PERSPECTIVES

*May 23, 2014, 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM*

*Davos 2, Swissôtel Krasnye Holmy*

*Moscow*

#### **Program**

10:30-11:00 **Opening remarks**

**Hon. Evan P. Garcia, Undersecretary for Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines**

11:00-12:00 **Section 1. The evolving regional security environment in the Asia Pacific: Philippine and Russian perspectives**

Issues for discussion:

- Can the current Asia Pacific security system be considered stable? Is it flexible enough to address the security challenges at hand?
- Is there an objective need for change or accommodation given the ongoing developments? Can regional cooperation mechanisms safeguard security or is there a need for new alliances?
- China's rise and the US rebalance: what are the implications for regional security? Can the US regional alliances provide for stable development of the region?

#### **Moderator:**

**Dr. Victor Sumsky**, Head, MGIMO University ASEAN Center

#### **Speakers:**

**Dr. Dmitry Mosyakov**, Head, Southeast Asia and Oceania Research Center, Institute of Oriental Studies, RAS

**Dr. Clarita Carlos**, Executive Director of the Center for Political and Democratic Reform, Inc. and Former President of the National Defense College of the Philippines

12:00-13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30-14:30 **Section 2.** Prospects of Philippines-Russia cooperation in the area of security

Issues for discussion:

- What are the common interests of Russia and the Philippines in the area of regional security?
- Is there a place for the Philippines in Russia's "quiet pivot" to the Pacific?
- What are Manila's expectations of Russia's involvement into the South China Sea dispute?
- What can the two countries do in the year to come in bilateral relations with an end to enhance regional security?
- Can economic interests become the common ground for closer Russia-Philippines relations?

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**Hon. Carlos Sorreta**, Director, Foreign Service Institute of the Philippines

14:30-15:00 **Closing remarks**

**Dr. Ivan Timofeev**, Program Director, Russian International Affairs Council

**H.E. Alejandro B. Mosquera**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the Russian Federation