

Ambassador Branimir Filipovic, Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for Security Policy, met today with Chairman of the NATO Military Committee General Knud Bartels.

General Bartels is on an official visit to the Republic of Serbia, at the invitation of Chief of the General Staff of the Serbian Armed Forces General Dikovic.

They discussed further promotion of cooperation between the Republic of Serbia and NATO through the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Programme, the current security situation in the region and in Kosovo and Metohija, as well as a very good cooperation between KFOR and the Serbian Armed Forces.

Ambassador Filipovic pointed out that the Republic of Serbia, as a militarily neutral state which did not aspire to NATO membership, wanted to improve the partnership within the available PfP mechanisms and to be a reliable, responsible and predictable partner and an interlocutor with NATO, so as to jointly contribute to the preservation of peace and stability in the region.

It was commonly agreed that the recently adopted the Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP) between the Republic of Serbia and NATO was a broader framework for further strengthening political dialogue and for promoting concrete cooperation in all areas of common interest.