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Professor Walter Andrysyszyn, Deputy U.S. Permanent Representative U.S. Mission to NATO spoke on **4th of May, 2009** to a group of students, professors and assistants at the University American College. The very title of the lecture put the focus clearly on the NATO alliance its significance in the past and today and the economic development.

The professor Andrysyszyn divided the lecture in two parts, first he spoke for the trans-Atlantic agenda and in the second part for the democratization and economic development.

The professor Andrysyszyn first spoke for the significance of the NATO alliance and the agenda of the NATO alliance starting from the beginning: Washington Treaty: April 4, 1949; Collective Defense; Deter War; The end of the Cold War; The nineties: the search for a new purpose; Enlargement; Russia; Bosnia/Kosovo: a new Mission; Terrorism; Afghanistan.

Professor Andrysyszyn stressed the most important issues of the agenda and special attention paid on the enlargement issue. Professor Andrysyszyn explained the benefits for Republic of Macedonia of joining the alliance. Professor Andrysyszyn opened debate among the students regarding the Macedonia's accession to NATO and the name issue with Greece which proved to be sensitive issue for the students as well. Professor Andrysyszyn tried to explain all questions and to answer the students' curiosity. As experienced professor he led the lecture as a debate trying to involve the students in the process of creation questions and focusing on the topic as well.

The second topic was regarding the economic development and the democratization process. Professor Andrysyszyn touched upon several issue, namely he presented the students and made comparison among the US expenditures, he spoke for the globalization and the economic growth, its advantages and disadvantages.

One of the impressive aspects selected was the focus on students as “co-creators of lecturing and initiating debate”; in short, Professor Andrysyszyn opened the need for greater role for student representation within the program, namely their constant involvement in the discussions. The OHRID Institute would like cordially to thank the Professor for his time and effort he put to make our lecture possible.

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