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EU NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

14-15 NOVEMBER, 2022

THE SQUARE – BRUSSELS CONVENTION CENTER

AGENDA

MONDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2022

14:00 Registration and Access to the Venue

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

15:00 Welcome Address

Ettore GRECO, Executive Vicepresident of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

15:10 **Opening Speech**

Benedikta VON SEHERR-THOSS, Managing Director for Common Security and Defence Policy and Crisis Response, European External Action Service (EEAS)

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

15:30 The Future of Arms Control and International Security

Chair:

Marjolijn VAN DEELEN, Special Envoy for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Speakers:

Alexandre VULIC, Deputy-Director of Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic

Bonnie JENKINS, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, United States Department of State

Wendin D. SMITH, Director of NATO's Arms Control, Disarmament, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Nonproliferation Centre (ACDC)

Q&A

16:45 Break

17:15 Challenges to the NPT Regime

Chair:

Elena SOKOVA, Executive Director of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)

Speakers:

Alexander KMENTT, Ambassador, Director of the Department for Disarmament, Arms-Control and Non-Proliferation, Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs

Deepti CHOUBEY, Director of Knowledge Management and HR, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)

Gustavo ZLAUVINEN, President-designate of the Tenth Review Conference for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)

Jacek BYLICA, Chief of Cabinet at the Director General's Office, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Susanne RIEGRAF, Deputy Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, German Federal Foreign Office

Q&A

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner

20:30 End of the First Day

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022

PARALLEL SESSIONS

08:50 Registration and Access to One of the Break Out Rooms

9:00

The Evolving Threats of Biological Weapons

Chair:

Filippa LENTZOS, Senior Research Fellow, King's College London Department of Global Health & Social Medicine and Department of War Studies

Speakers:

Daniel FEAKES, Chief of the Implementation Support Unit (ISU) of the Biological Weapons Convention within the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

Leonardo BENCINI, President-designate of the Ninth Review Conference of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) **Melanie REDDIAR**, Chief Director at the Secretariat of the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

WMD Threats in the Middle East

Chair:

Benjamin HAUTECOUVERTURE, Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS), Paris

Speakers:

Ayman KHALIL, Director of the Arab Institute for Security Studies (ACSIS), Amman

Chen ZAK KANE, Head of Project, ME WMDFZ Project, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Geneva

Coralie PISON HINDAWI, Associate Professor, American University of Beirut

Stephan KLEMENT, Head of Delegation to the International Organisations in Vienna and EU Permanent Representative to the UN Organisations in Vienna, IAEA and CTBTO

Lethal Autonomous Weapons

Chair:

Niklas SCHÖRNIG, Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)

Speakers:

Alisha ANAND, Associate Researcher, Security and Technology (SecTec) programme, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Geneva

Pauline WARNOTTE, Senior Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium

Thompson CHENGETA, Associate Professor of International Law and Emerging Technologies, Liverpool John Moores University

10:30 Break

11:00

Cyber-Security

Chair:

Lora SAALMAN, Senior Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Speakers:

Jacopo BELLASIO, Senior Analyst Defence, Security and Infrastructure, RAND Europe, Cambridge

Misha HANSEL, Senior Researcher, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH)

Stella BLUMFELDE, Mentee, Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Mentorship Programme (YWNGI), and PhD Candidate University of Genoa

Responsible Behaviour in Outer Space

Chair.

Patrick MARTINEK, Project Coordinator, Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI)

Speakers:

Beyza UNAL, Head of Science, Technology and International Security Unit at the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

Matija RENCELJ, Research Fellow, European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), Vienna

Rajeswari PILLAI RAJAGOPALAN, Director of the Centre for Security, Strategy & Technology (CSST) at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi

Missile Technology Proliferation

Chair:

Timothy WRIGHT, Research Analyst and Programme Administrator for Defence and Military Analysis, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London

Speakers:

Elisabeth SUH, Research Fellow, Security and Defense Program, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin Kolja BROCKMANN, Senior Researcher, Dual-Use and Arms Trade Control Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Seraina FROST, Deputy Head of Export Control Policy at SECO and Chair of MTCR Technical Expert Meeting

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

13:45 Registration and Access to the Venue

14:00 The Ukrainian War and Weapons Proliferation

Chair:

Polina SINOVETS, Head of the Odessa Center for NonProliferation (OdCNP) and Associate Professor at Department of International Relations, Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University

<u>Speaker:</u>

Elias YOUSIF, Research Analyst, Conventional Defense Program, Stimson Center, Washington D.C. Francesca GIOVANNINI, Executive Director of the Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center of the Harvard Kennedy School

Nikolai SOKOV, Senior Fellow at the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) Sitki EGELI Associate Professor, Faculty of Business Political Science and International Relations, Izmir University of Economics

Q&A

15:30 Break

16:00 Implementing the EU's NPD Agenda

Chair:

William ALBERQUE, Director of Strategy, Technology and Arms Control, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Berlin

Speakers:

Izumi NAKAMITSU, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Peter M. WAGNER, Director, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), European Commission

Sigurd SCHELSTRAETE, Director of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Stefan TRESSING, Deputy Head of Division, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Arms Export Control, European

External Action Service (EEAS)

Q&A

17:30 The Next Generation in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament

Emily FAUX, Mentee, Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Mentorship Programme (YWNGI) 2021 edition

Tim THIES, Researcher, Arms Control and Emerging Technologies Project, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH) – Speaker at the 2021 Next Generation Workshop Sibylle BAUER, Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium /Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner

20:30 End of Second Day - Conference Adjourns

