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From Aspiration to Reality: Nuclear Disarmament after the NPT Review

14 – 15 September 2010, International Conference Centre Geneva

Tuesday, 14 September

- 8:00-8:30 Registration table at Conference Center open
 8:30-9:30 Opening Session
 Presenters: Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala, MPI Conference Chair, President of the Pugwash Conferences
 Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament

 Keynote Address: H.E. Ambassador Libran Cabactulan, President, 2010 NPT Review Conference
 Introduction: Mr. Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute
- 9:30-11:00 **Panel I**: Activation of the Action Plan: Strategies to Advance the Nuclear Weapons Convention or Framework of separate instruments

Chair: Mr. Aaron Tovish, International Manager, 2020 Vision Campaign, Mayors for Peace Presenters: Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director, Acronym Institute and Vice-Chair, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Ambassador Alexander Marschik, Director for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Austria Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., Special Advisor, MPI

- 11:00 -11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:45 **Panel II:** Delegitimizing Nuclear Weapons and International Humanitarian Law

Chair: **Dr. John Burroughs**, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

Presenters:

Ms. Christine Beerli, Vice President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Dr. Patricia Lewis, Deputy Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies

12:45-14:15 Lunch

Keynote address: H.E. Mr. Sergio Duarte, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

14:15-15:30 Working Groups

1. Strengthening the Disarmament Institutions: from the CD to the First Committee

Chair: Ambassador Marius Grinius, Permanent

Representative of Canada to the Conference on Disarmament Presenters:

Ms. Ray Acheson, Reaching Critical Will

Ambassador Jose Gomez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the Conference on Disarmament Ms. Theresa Hitchens, Director UNIDIR

2. Steps for NNWS to lay groundwork for nuclear abolition

Chair: **Dr. Klaus-Peter Gottwald,** Policy Commissioner of the Federal Government for Arms Control and Disarmament, Germany

Presenters:

Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament **Mr. Alyn Ware** Global Coordinator of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament

- 3. Delegitimizing Nuclear Weapons: how to strengthen the IHL approach Chair: Dr. Christian Schoenenberger, Head, Task Force on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Switzerland Presenters: Mr. Peter Herby, ICRC Ambassador Akio Suda, Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:00 Resumption of working groups
- 18:20 Dinner Keynote Speaker: **H.E. Dr. Peter Maurer**, Secretary of State, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Hotel Edelweiss, 2, place de la Navigation, Geneva

Wednesday, 15 September

9:00-10:15 Panel III: Nuclear Weapon States: 2010 Review Conference: Fulfillment of previous and new commitments

Chair: Senator Roche
Presenters:
Ambassador Eric Danon (Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament)
Ambassador Laura Kennedy (Permanent Representative of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament)
Ambassador Victor Vasiliev (Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament)
Mr. Wang Chang, (Second Secretary, Mission of China to the United Nations)

- 10:15 10:45 Coffee break
- 10:45 -11:15 Reporting back to the Plenary by the working group rapporteurs Chair: **Ambassador Dhanapala**

11:15 - 12:15 Chair: Mr. Granoff (Panels IV and V) Respondent: Ambassador Cabactulan (Panels IV and V)

Panel IV: Fulfilling the Middle East Decision

Ambassador Hisham Badr, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations and other Specialized Organizations in Geneva

Panel V: Regional Security in the Middle East Ambassador Jeremy Issacharoff, Ambassador-at-Large for Strategic Affairs, Israel

12:15 - 13:30 Panel IV: Where Do We Go From Here?

Chair: **Ambassador Dhanapala** Presenters:

Ambassador Robert Grey, Director, Bipartisan Security Group Ambassador Desra Percaya, Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, the World Trade Organizations and Other International Organizations

Conclusions Ambassador Dhanapala Dr. Schoenenberger