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***UNIDIR Book Launch and Side-event to the Third NPT PrepCom***

**Unfinished Business – New Opportunities for the CTBT**

**Wednesday, 13 May 2009, 13:00 – 14:30  
Room 8, United Nations Secretariat, New York**

***Chair***

Ms Kerstin Vignard, Editor in Chief, *Disarmament Forum*, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

***Presentations***

***China's perspective on the importance of the CTBT***

Ambassador Sha Zukang, United Nations Under-Secretary General, Department of Economics and Social Affairs and Former Head, Chinese Delegation to the CD (1994—1997)

***Why does the CTBT matter?***

Ambassador Sergio Duarte, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

***Lessons from the CTBT negotiations***

Dr Rebecca Johnson, author of the book *Unfinished Business*

***Negotiating a strong CTBT for the United States***

Ambassador Stephen Ledogar, Former Head, US Delegation to the CD (1990—1997)

***New opportunities for the CTBT's entry into force***

Dr Patricia Lewis, Deputy Director and Scientist-in-Residence at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies

***Discussion***

**A sandwich lunch will be served from 14:30 in front of Room 8**