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Reaching Critical Will

SECOND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SEMINAR ON:

THE 2010 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE ACTION PLAN: IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONALIZATION –NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS– (GCSP, 2nd Floor, Kruzel Hall, 29 September 2011)

RATIONALE

The 2010 Review Conference of the Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) adopted in its final document an Action Plan containing 64 actions (plus the Middle East resolution) in order to implement the obligations contained in the three “pillars” of the NPT (nuclear disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy). As part of a multi-year project supported by the Swiss Government and the Geneva Branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, a first seminar was organised on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy on 30 June 2011. It is followed by a new one, dedicated to nuclear non-proliferation, on 29 September 2011, and a third one on disarmament will take place on 20 January 2012.

AIMS

This seminar aims at:

- Providing a platform for examining the degree of implementation and operationalization of the Action Plan in one of the three NPT “pillars”, and
- Proposing concrete actions and initiatives for the NPT Review process, or advances in the areas where insufficient progress was reported.

It is intended to provide interested stakeholders opportunities to express their views, share information, and seek common solutions. The results of those discussions will be made public by the organisers.

DOCUMENTATION

This seminar will have been prepared by two **background papers** assessing the implementation of the Action Plan in the relevant “pillar” in order to steer the discussion:

- Reaching Critical Will (RCW) will have produced a **monitoring report** ahead of the seminar, including a factual overview of the relevant actions and concrete implementation measures taken by relevant states in line with the Action Plan.
- The second background document will be an **assessment paper** authored by an invited specialised expert (in this case Dr Benoît Péloupidas, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University), containing evaluation of policies and fulfilment of commitments, as well as recommendations.

PROGRAMME

12:30-13:00 *Light Lunch (GCSP Lobby)*

13:00-13:30 **Introduction**

Mr Marc Finaud, Special Advisor to the Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

Mr Yuri Yudin, Senior Researcher and Project Manager, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

Mr Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament

Mr Benno Laggner, Head, Task Force on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

13:30-14:00 **Presentation of the Monitoring Report on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

Chair: Mr Marc Finaud, GCSP

Ms Mia Gandenberger, Reaching Critical Will, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

14:00-14:30 **Presentation of the Assessment Paper on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**

Chair: Mr Benno Laggner, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Mr Bernard Sitt, Director, Centre d'Etudes de Sécurité Internationale et de Maîtrise des armements (CESIM) (on behalf of Dr Benoît Pélopidas)

14:30-15:00 **The Role of the IAEA in the Implementation of the NPT Action Plan (Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons)**

Chair: Mr Yuri Yudin, UNIDIR

Ms Rita Mazzanti, Head, IAEA Liaison Office, Geneva

15:00-15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30-16:00 **The Resolution on the Middle East: State of Play**

Mr Marc Finaud, GCSP

16:00-17:00 **Discussion**

Chair: Ambassador Fred Tanner, Director, GCSP

17:00-17:15 **Conclusions**

Dr Pal Sidhu, Visiting Fellow, GCSP

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