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## Space Security 2015 “Underpinning Foundations of Space Security”

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### Monday, 24 August 2015

- 09:30 Welcome from UNIDIR  
**Mr Jarmo Sareva**, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
- 09:45 Opening Remarks  
**Ms Victoria Samson**, Washington Office Director, Secure World Foundation (SWF)

#### Panel 1—Conceptual Starting Points: National Approaches to Space Security

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- 10:00 Russian Federation  
**Mr Alexander Deyneko**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, Geneva
- 10:15 India  
**Ambassador Venkatesh Varma**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of India to the CD
- 10:30 United States of America  
**Ambassador Robert A. Wood**, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Permanent Mission of the United States of America, Geneva
- 10:45 The Gambia  
**Mr Muhammadou M.O. Kah**, Advisor to the President of The Gambia on STI Policy; Vice Rector for Technology & Innovations and Founding Dean, School of IT & Engineering, ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 11:00 People’s Republic of China  
**Ambassador FU Cong**, Deputy Permanent Representative (Disarmament), Permanent Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations, Geneva
- 11:15 **Questions and Discussion**

**11:30–12:00 Coffee Break**

## Panel 2—Foundational Concepts

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- 12:00 Peaceful Uses and Exploring Thresholds  
**Mr André João Rypl**, *Office of Outer Space, Ocean and Antarctic Affairs, Brazilian Ministry of External Relations*
- 12:15 Self-defense in Outer Space  
**Ms Victoria Samson**, *Washington Office Director, Secure World Foundation (SWF)*
- 12:30 Space Weapons—What Are We Talking About?  
**Ms Jana Robinson**, *Space Security Program Director, Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI)*
- 12:45 **Questions and Discussion**

### 13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

- 14:30 Keynote: The Underpinning of Space Security in General International Law  
**Mr Peter Hulsroj**, *Director, European Space Policy Institute*

## Panel 3—Shared Stakes, Shared Space: Military and Civilian Perspectives

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- 15:00 Military  
**Mr Ajey Lele**, *Gp. Capt. (Ret.), Assistant Director (Administration), Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi*
- 15:15 Civil  
**Mr Salem Humaid Al Marri**, *Assistant Director General, Scientific and Technological Affairs, Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre*
- 15:30 **Questions and Discussion**

### 15:45–16:00 Coffee Break

## Panel 4—Legal and Diplomatic Aspects of Space Security

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- 16:00 The Diplomatic Dynamic for Space Security  
**Ambassador (Retired) Paul Meyer**, *Senior Fellow in Space Security and Nuclear Disarmament, The Simons Foundation*
- 16:15 OST and Article 51 of the UN Charter  
**Ms Olga A. Volynskaya**, *Chief International Law Counsel, International Cooperation and Treaties Department, Russian Federal Space Agency (ROSCOSMOS)*
- 16:30 IHL in Space  
**Mr Laurent Gisel**, *Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)*
- 16:45 **Questions and Discussion**
- 17:00 **Chair's Remarks**

## Tuesday 25 August 2015

### Panel 5—UN Machinery: the Challenging Quest for Synergies and Coordination

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- 09:30 UNODA  
*Mr Marco Kalbusch, Senior Political Affairs Officer, UNODA, Geneva*
- 09:45 UNOOSA  
*Mr Niklas Hedman, Chief, Committee, Policy and Legal Affairs Section, UN Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)*
- 10:00 ITU  
*Mr Attila Matas, Head, Space Publications and Registration Division, Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), ITU*
- 10:15 **Questions and Discussion**

**10:30–11:00 Coffee Break**

### Panel 6—Current Initiatives Under Discussion: Status Updates

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- 11:00 PPWT  
*Mr LIU Wei, Director, Arms Control Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China*
- 11:15 TCBMs: Post-GGE Perspectives  
*Ambassador Victor Vasiliev, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation*
- 11:30 ICOC: A Status Update  
*Mr Sergio Marchisio, Full Professor of International Law, University Sapienza, Rome*
- 11:45 COPUOS Long-Term Sustainability Working Group  
*Mr Peter Martinez, Chairman, Working Group on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)*
- 12:00 **Questions and Discussion**

**12:15 Concluding Remarks**

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