



71st Session UNGA First Committee Side-event

“Multilateral Negotiations on Nuclear Disarmament – Ways Forward”
organized by the Permanent Missions of
Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam
with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
18 October 2016, 13.15 – 14.30 hrs., Conference Room 7, UN Headquarters

Objective

The side-event aims to give an overview of what has occurred in the Open-ended Working Group on taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations (OEWG) in 2016 and to discuss the nature of possible steps following the recommendations of the OEWG, including the main elements that a nuclear weapons prohibition treaty might contain. The side event will also discuss how these elements would relate to the current nuclear landscape including the NPT and recent humanitarian initiatives.

Programme (tentative)

- 13.00 – 13.15 hrs. **Refreshments served outside Conference Room 7**
(by Vienna Café)
- 13.15 – 14.30 hrs. **Opening remarks – Ambassador Virachai Plasai**,
Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations.
Remarks – Mr. Thomas Markram, Director and Deputy to
the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
Ambassador Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent
Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office in
Geneva and Chair of the OEWG – giving an overview of the
deliberations of the OEWG.
Dr. Gro Nystuen, Senior Partner, International Law and
Policy Institute (ILPI) – sharing views on possible elements
of effective legal measures.
Former Ambassador Tim Caughley, Resident Senior
Fellow, UNIDIR – sharing experiences and views on possible
ways forward for multilateral negotiations on nuclear
disarmament.
Dr. John Borrie, Chief of Research, UNIDIR, will moderate
the side event.

Exchange of views

Closing of side-event
