

NUCLEAR RISK REDUCTION: THE STATE OF IDEAS

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Addressing the full range of risks that could lead to the use of any nuclear weapons is in the common security interest of all States, and complements nuclear disarmament efforts. Yet broad-based support for the idea has not translated into consensus on the means by which it might be achieved. There is likely no singular path to risk reduction. Given the wide spectrum of possibilities then, an important early step is to exchange on the state of existing ideas and proposals. This can make it easier to identify possible areas of common interest, facilitating the development of practical, feasible measures. This event will contribute to that end, by:

- Presenting preliminary findings of UNIDIR's mapping of nuclear weapon risk reduction measures and possible framework to address the issue
- Providing an overview of the state of ideas regarding nuclear weapon risk reduction
- Highlighting measures that can be implemented in response to particular risk scenarios, and which might be feasible in current circumstances
- Identifying a path forward for substantive engagement on risk reduction in the context of the 2020 NPT Review Cycle and other processes

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Welcoming Remarks

Ambassador Sabrina Dallafior, Switzerland

Introductory Remarks

Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Overview of Ideas

Dr. John Borrie, UNIDIR

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Moderated Discussion

- Ambassador Aidan Liddle, United Kingdom
- Ambassador Jarmo Viinanen, Finland
- Dr. Nina Tannenwald, Watson Institute, Brown University
- Dr. W.P.S. Sidhu, Center for Global Affairs, New York University

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Question & Answer