NARRATIVES ON THE MIDDLE EAST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION-FREE ZONE

Historical accounts, drivers, and themes



HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS

Historical accounts of the Middle East WMD-Free Zone (ME WMDFZ) based on 80 interviews with current and former officials and experts from 20 states and regional and international organizations that have played an important role in the Zone

Subjective views of the ME WMDFZ with chapters on the countries of the League of Arab States, Iran, Israel, Russia, and the United States The publication also features primary sources from the Timeline of Milestones and Documents Depository from UNIDIR's ME WMDFZ Project

CROSS CUTTING
ANALYSIS OF KEY
ZONE-RELATED
PROCESSES AND
EVENTS OVER
NEARLY 50 YEARS

UN General Assemblies NPT Review Conference cycles The Glion/Geneva informal consultations

IAEA General Conferences The Arms Control and Regional Security (ACRS) working group The November Conference process

Drivers of state policies toward the Middle East WMD-Free Zone



The perils of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery



Perceptions of regional security dynamics and how they relate to the threats posed by weapons of mass destruction



The role of selfperception, bilateral relations, legacies of conflict, and ideational factors



Interests of global powers and the health of international WMD arms control, disarmament, and nonproliferation regimes

THEMES INCLUDING CONVERGENCE AND DIVERGENCE BETWEEN STATES OF THE REGION ON:

- The importance and objectives of the Middle East WMD-Free Zone
- The causes for failure of past ME WMDFZ processes
- The preferred pathway to pursue the ME WMDFZ
- The impact of the transformation of the Middle East regional security environment on the Zone
- The responsibility of extra-regional actors for the lack of progress, unfulfilled promises, and double standards on the Zone

PROJECT RESOURCES AND PUBLICATIONS



Nuclear
verification in a
Middle East
WMD-Free
Zone





Perspectives,
Drivers, and
Objectives for
the Middle East
WMD-Free Zone





Lessons from the JCPOA for an ME WMDFZ





Timeline
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