ARTICLE VI FORUM

“Forging a New Consensus for the NPT”

March 29-30, 2007
The Vienna International Center
Vienna, Austria
PROGRAM

“Forging a New Consensus for the NPT”

Convened with the support of the Government of Austria and the International Atomic Energy Agency

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007
The Vienna International Center, Vienna
Room CO7IV

9 – 9:20 am
Welcome: Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., Chair, Middle Powers Initiative

“Forging a New Consensus for the NPT: Establishing a ‘Like-Minded’ Agenda”

9:20 – 9:30 am
Welcome: H.E. Dr. Hans Winkler, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Austria (invited)

9:30 – 10:30 am
Keynote address: Hon. Jayantha Dhanapala, former UN Under-Secretary General for Disarmament Affairs

10:30 – 11 am
Coffee break

11 am – 12:30 pm
Panel

TOPIC: “Fuel Cycle and Proliferation Challenges to the NPT Regime”

Chair: Amb. Dorothea Auer, Director of the Department for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation, Austrian Ministry for International and European Affairs

PRESENTERS: Amb. Y.J. Choi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
Dr. M.V. Ramana, International Panel on Fissile Materials
DR. Tariq Rauf, Head of the Verification and Security Policy Coordination, International Atomic Energy Agency

12:30 – 2:15 pm
Lunch
Keynote speaker: The Rt. Hon. Ruud Lubbers, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands
Introduction: Amb. Johannes Landman, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament

2:15 – 3:45 pm Panel
TOPIC: “The Viability and Significance of the CTBT and FMCT”

Chair: Mr. Werner Bauwens, Director of the Non-Proliferation, Disarmament and Arms Control Division, Federal Office for Foreign Affairs, Belgium

PRESENTERS: Hon. Tibor Toth, Executive Secretary of the CTBTO
Dr. Arend J. Meerburg, International Panel on Fissile Materials

3:45 – 4:15 pm Coffee break

4:15 – 5:30 pm Panel
TOPIC: “Steps Toward Implementation of the 1995 Middle East Resolution”

Chair: Mr. Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute

PRESENTERS: Ms. Merav Datan, Political Advisor, Mediterranean & Middle East, Greenpeace
Dr. Emily Landau, Director of Arms Control and Regional Security Project, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv
Amb. Mohamed Shaker, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

5:30 pm Adjournment

6 pm Buses depart the VIC for Hotel Sofitel am Heumarkt

6:30 pm RECEPTION: Hotel Sofitel am Heumarkt, hosted by the Japanese Mission

8:30 pm Buses depart the Hotel Sofitel for Hotel Mercure

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FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007
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9 – 10:30 am  Panel

Chair: Hon. Jayantha Dhanapala, former UN Under-Secretary General for Disarmament Affairs

PRESENTERS: Dr. Hans Blix, Chairman, Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission
Dr. John Burroughs, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

10:30 - 11 am  Coffee break

11am – 12:30 pm  Panel
TOPIC: “Steps Non-Nuclear Weapon States Can Take in the Short Term”

Chair: Mr. Alyn Ware, Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament

PRESENTERS: DR. Hans Kristensen, Federation of American Scientists
Amb. Miguel Marin-Bosch, former Deputy Foreign Minister, Mexico
Ms. Caroline McDonald, Director, International Security and Disarmament Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand

12:30 -1:30 pm  Lunch

2 – 3:30 pm  Panel
TOPIC: “Strategy and Procedure in the NPT Preparatory Committee”

Chair: Mr. Aaron Tovish, Mayors for Peace

PRESENTERS: Amb. Bernhard Brasack, Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva
Mr. Adrian McDaid, Director, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Section, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland

Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Founding Director and Editor, Acronym Institute

3:30 pm  Concluding Plenary

**TOPIC:** “Towards the First NPT PrepCom”
Chair: Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C.

4 pm  Adjournment

4:15 – 5 pm  Tour of the CTBTO (optional)

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