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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
Mr Michael K. Simpson, Executive Director, Secure World Foundation (SWF)

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

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 Muhammedou 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

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

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

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

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 François Rancy, Director, Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), ITU

10:15 Questions and Discussion

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 6—Current Initiatives Under Discussion: Status Updates

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

Ambassador (Retired) Paul Meyer, Senior Fellow in Space Security and Nuclear Disarmament, the Simons Foundation