



Space Security 2015 “Underpinning Foundations of Space Security”

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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 Muhammadou 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