



EU Seminar to promote confidence building and in support of a process aimed at establishing a zone free of WMD and means of delivery in the Middle East

**Conference Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB)
36 rue Froissart
B- 1040 Brussels**

6 and 7 July 2011

Wednesday, 6 July 2011

09:30 – 10:30

Arrival and Registration

10:30 – 11:00

Welcome Coffee

Agenda

(This seminar sponsored by the EU is a track II informal event in which participants from academia, governments and international organizations attend in their personal capacity. No formal conclusions or recommendations will have to be endorsed by participants. This agenda and the list of topics that could be discussed are purely indicative.)

Opening session

11:00 – 12:30

Welcome Address

Ambassador Pierre Vimont, EEAS Executive Secretary General, European Union

Introduction to the Meeting

Camille Grand, Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, France / Chairman, EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

Annalisa Giannella, Head of Department, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Report on the Workshop on a Middle East Free Zone of Non-Conventional Weapons, EU-ISS, 8 and 9 June 2011, Paris

Jean-Pascal Zanders, European Union Institute for Security Studies

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

1. Session: Regional security

Indicative relevant issues:

- The regional security landscape
- Threat perceptions and full range of security concerns
- Proliferation of WMD in the Middle East
- Ballistic missiles proliferation in the Middle East
- WMD terrorism including by non-state actors
- Short range rockets and other conventional threats, including by non-state actors

14:00 – 16:00

Chair: **Harald Müller**, Executive Director, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF/HSFK) / EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

Ambassador Nabil Fahmy, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies (10 mn)

Shlomo Brom, Institute for National Security Studies (10 mn)

Bruno Tertrais, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (10 mn)

Discussion (1h30)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

2. Session: Regional implementation of non-proliferation measures

Indicative relevant issues:

- Accession to, national implementation of, and full compliance with multilateral instruments relevant to a WMD free zone: NPT, CTBT, CWC, BTWC, HCoC. Strengthening of suppliers regimes (NSG, AG, MTCR).
- Safeguards System : accession to, implementation of and compliance with the IAEA Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the IAEA Additional Protocol ; possible strengthening measures
- Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540 in the Middle East: progress and obstacles
- Strengthening of conventional arms control and suppliers regimes (CCW, UN Register Wassenaar Arrangement)

16:30 – 18:30

Chair: **Camille Grand**, Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, France / Chairman, EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

William C. Potter, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies (10 mn)

Ambassador Mohamed I. Shaker, The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (10 mn)

Ambassador Shimon Stein, Institute for National Security Studies (10 mn)

Discussion (1h30)

19:30 – 22:30

Seminar drinks and dinner in the historic Palais d'Egmont (*which has been graciously put at the disposal of the seminar by the Belgian Authorities*)

Keynote speaker: Gary Samore, Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for Arms Control and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, and Terrorism

Thursday, 7 July 2011

3. Session: Peaceful uses, energy needs and related issues

Indicative relevant issues:

- Energy needs and recent developments to meet energy demands
- Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: multilateral approaches; other possible arrangements in a WMD Free Zone
- Ensuring nuclear safety and nuclear security standards
- Access to modern technologies in the non-nuclear field (biotechnology, etc.)

08:30 – 10:15

Chair: **Mark Fitzpatrick**, Director of the Non-proliferation & Disarmament Programme, The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) / EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

Fabrizio Barbaso, Deputy Director General for Energy, European Commission (10 mn)

Khammar M'Rabit, Head of Nuclear Security Office, IAEA (10 mn)

Mahmoud Nasreddine, Former Director-General of the Arab Atomic Energy Agency (10 mn)

Discussion (1:15)

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee Break

4. Session: Confidence-building measures

Indicative relevant issues:

- What confidence-building measures can contribute to the prospect of establishing a process leading to the establishment of a WMD free zone in the Middle East?
- The experience of other regions in launching a regional security process, and in establishing zones free of WMD
- Application of the "Principles and Guidelines" for establishing nuclear weapons free zones, as proposed by the UN Disarmament Commission in 1999 and endorsed by the UNGA Resolution 54/56 of 1999, and other necessary steps to foster the establishment of a WMD free zone, taking into account the need for sustainable peace and security in the Middle East

10:30 – 12:45

Chair: **Göran Lennermarker**, Chairman of the SIPRI Governing Board

Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares, Head of the Permanent Mission of Brasil to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva (7 mn)

Ambassador Rogelio Pfirter, Former Director General of OPCW and member of the Argentinian negotiating team of ABAC (7 mn)

Kayhan Barzegar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University (7 mn)

Emily Landau, Institute for National Security Studies (7 mn)

Ambassador Nabil Fahmy, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies (7 mn)

Dan Plesch, Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy at the School of Oriental and African Studies (7 mn)

Discussion (1:30)

12:45 – 14:30

Lunch

5. Session: Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in addressing security and proliferation concerns

Indicative relevant issues:

- The European Union role in addressing security and proliferation concerns
- Can the EU partnership with the Middle East Countries contribute to a process aimed at establishing a WMD Free Zone in the M.E.?

14:30 – 15:30

Vicente Garrido Rebolledo, Instituto de Cuestiones Internacionales y Política Exterior (10 mn)

Ambassador Mara Marinaki, EEAS Managing Director, Global and Multilateral Issues, European Union (10 mn)

Discussion (40 mn)

Closing Session:

15:30 – 16:30

Assessment by relevant International Organizations

Ambassador Sergio de Queiroz Duarte, UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (7 mn)

Ambassador Grace Asirwatham, Deputy Director General, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) (7 mn)

Ambassador Tibor Toth, Executive Secretary Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (CTBTO) (7 mn)

Christophe Carle, Director General's Office for Policy, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (7 mn)

Richard Lennane, Head of the BTWC Implementation Support Unit (ISU) (7 mn)

Assessment by the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

Camille Grand, Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, France / Chairman, EU Non-Proliferation Consortium (20 mn)

Closing remarks

Mr. Maciej Popowski, EEAS Deputy Secretary General, European Union