THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2020

14:15  Registration and Access to the Virtual Plenary Room

INTRODUCTORY SESSION

14:30  Welcome Address
Ettore Greco, Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

14:40  Opening Speeches
Josep Borrell, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission, Brussels (video-message)
Izumi Nakamitsu, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, New York

Q&A

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

15:15  Rebuilding Mutual Trust in Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: The Way Ahead
Chair: Marjolijn van Deelen, Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European Union External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
Speakers:
Fu Cong, Director-General, Department of Arms Control, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Beijing
Christopher Ford, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.

16:30  Break

16:45  Keynote Speech with Q&A
Chair: Elena Sokova, Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Vienna
Speaker:
Gustavo Zlauvinen, President-designate of the 2020 Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty

Q&A

17:15  End of First Day
PARALLEL SESSIONS

08:50  Registration and Access to One of the Virtual Break Out Rooms

09:00  Virtual Room One

Biological Weapons and Pandemics: Implications and Lessons Learned from Covid-19
Chair: Filippa Lentzos, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Global Health & Social Medicine and Department of War Studies, King’s College, London
Speakers: Iris Hunger, Representative for questions of research risks, Robert Koch Institute, Berlin Aidan Liddle, UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva Jez Littlewood, Policy Analyst, Alberta

09:00  Virtual Room Two

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Related Technologies. What Role for Arms Control?
Chair: Anja Dahlmann, Head of Project ‘International Panel on the Regulation of Autonomous Weapons, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
Speakers: Ruediger Bohn, Deputy Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control, German Foreign Ministry, Berlin Guglielmo Tamburrini, Professor of Philosophy and Science, Universita’ di Napoli “Federico II”, Naples Pauline Warnotte, Researcher, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), Geneva

10:00  Break

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

10:10  Registration and Access to the Virtual Plenary Room

10:15  Tackling Arms Diversion: State of Play, Gaps and Ways Forward
Chair: Sibylle Bauer, Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium /Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm

11:15  Keynote Speech with Q&A
Chair: Benjamin Hautecouverture, Senior Research Fellow, Fondation pour la recherche stratégique (FRS), Paris
Speaker: Fernando Arias, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The Hague
Q&A

11:45  Break
12:00 **Implementing the EU’s Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Agenda**

*Chair:*
*Gustav Lindstrom*, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

*Speakers:*
*Philippe Bertoux*, Director for Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Paris

*Orlaith Fitzmaurice*, Director, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Dublin

*Heike Gerstbrein*, Head of Unit for Common Foreign and Security Policy operations in the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments of the European Commission, Brussels

*Marjolijn van Deelen*, Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, European Union External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

13:00 **Closing Remarks**

*Sibylle Bauer*, Chair, EU Non-proliferation and Disarmament Consortium /Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm

13:15 End of Second Day – Conference Adjourns

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