

INFORMAL WORKSHOP ON GOOD PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED

WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTING NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

7 to 9 July 2020

(To be held virtually via Microsoft Teams)

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 7 July 2020

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Opening of the informal workshop

Welcome remarks by Ambassador Sima Bahous, President of First Session of the Conference, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations

Remarks by Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

10:15 am – 11:30 pm

Theme 1: Adapting to the regional context

Moderator: Mr. Sudqi Al'Omoush, Deputy Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations

Dr. Renata Dwan, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Proposed Topic: The ways and means in which nuclear-weapon-free zones contribute to regional peace, stability and other political objectives

Ambassador Gerardo Alberto Simón Yerres, Chairman of the OPANAL Council

Proposed Topic: How the Treaty of Tlatelolco contributed to regional peace and stability while helping brake the Cold War nuclear arms race

Ambassador Fatima Kyari Mohammed, Permanent Observer of the African Union

Proposed Topic: The denuclearization of Africa: negotiating a nuclear-weapon-free zone in a region with a nuclear-armed State

Ambassador Syed Mohamad Hasrin Aidid, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations

Proposed Topic: The role of the Treaty of Bangkok in maintaining peace and stability in Southeast Asia

Q & A

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Theme 2: The role of general obligations and provisions in the context of global disarmament and non-proliferation objectives

Moderator: Mr. Sudqi Al'Omoush, Deputy Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations

Dr. William Potter, Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Proposed Topic: How specific obligations in existing nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties reinforce and extend provisions in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Ms. María Antonieta Socorro Jáquez Huacuja, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

Proposed Topic: How norms in nuclear-weapon-free zones contribute to global disarmament and non-proliferation

Mr. Noel Stott, Verification Research, Training and Information Centre

Proposed Topic: The relationship between South Africa's nuclear disarmament and the negotiation of the Treaty of Pelindaba

Q&A

Wed. 8 July 2020

8:00 am – 9:15 am

Theme 3: How zones address transit, visitation and overflight; regulation of exclusive economic zones and the high seas

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Markram, Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA

Dr. Michael Hamel-Green, Emeritus Professor, Victoria University Melbourne.

Proposed Topic: The experience of South Pacific States in ensuring the absence of nuclear-armed vessels in their national waters and ports

Dr. Nola Faasau, Acting Legal Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum

Proposed Topic: Security, political and legal considerations for extending the application of a zone to cover parts of the high seas

Ms. Maratee Nalita Andamo, Minister-Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

Proposed Topic: How the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty dealt with issues of transit passage and regulation of exclusive economic zones

Mr. Dastan Yeleukenov, Director International Security, Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan

Proposed Topic: How the Central Asian nuclear-weapon-free zone treaty deals with transit and visitation

Q&A

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Theme 4: How zones address relations with external States, including security assurances

Moderator: Mr. Thomas Markram, Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, UNODA

Ms. Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova, Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Proposed Topic: The compatibility of alliance arrangements with nuclear-weapon States in nuclear-weapon-free zones

Ambassador Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan, Blue Banner, Mongolia

Proposed Topic: Mongolia's experience in negotiating security assurances

Mr. Dastan Yeleukenov, Director International Security, Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan

Proposed Topic: How the Central Asian States navigated their partnerships with nuclear-weapon States while successfully obtaining security assurances

Thursday, 9 July 2020

10:00 am – 11:15 am

Theme 5: How zones address arrangements for regional control and cooperation

Moderator: Mr. Xiaoyu Wang, Chief, MEFZNWMD Unit, UNODA

Ms Lourdes Vez Carmona, Head of the Non-Proliferation and Policy-Making Section, Office of Legal Affairs, IAEA

Proposed Topic: The role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in connection with the existing nuclear-weapon-free zones

Dr. Marco Marzo, Secretary-General of ABACC

Proposed Topic: The contribution of bilateral arrangements to regional and global peace and security objectives

Mr. Messaoud Baaliouamer, Executive Secretary, African Commission on Nuclear Energy

Proposed Topic: The role of regional organizations in facilitating peaceful uses of nuclear energy

11:15 pm – 12:30 pm

Theme 6: How zones institutionalize arrangements for regional peace, disarmament and non-proliferation

Moderator: Mr. Xiaoyu Wang, Chief, MEZFNWMD Unit, UNODA

Dr. Patricia Lewis, Director, International Security Programme Chatham House

Proposed Topic: The potential for organizations established by nuclear-weapon-free zones to contribute to regional peace, stability and other political objectives

Ambassador Flavio Roberto Bonzanini, Secretary-General of OPANAL

Proposed Topic: The role of international organization in promoting regional and international norms

Proposed Topic: How various zones engage with existing regional organizations

Dr. Nola Faasau, Acting Legal Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum

HE Mr Colin NAMALAMBO, AFCONE Commissioner

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

Wrap-up