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A One-Day Consultation on
Breakthrough Measures
to Build a New East West Consensus
on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Disarmament

24 October 2008 • New York

Goals of the Consultation

1. To devise practical steps for the global community to break existing deadlocks in negotiations over controls on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
2. To identify possible linkage between breakthrough issues and obstacles in single issues of WMD control (such as CW verification) and others that may seem unrelated (such as establishment of an international nuclear fuel bank)
3. To identify possible trade-offs between seemingly disparate areas of strategic policy and concessions on WMD breakthrough issues (such as the link between military uses of space and ratification of the Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty)
4. To contribute to trust-building between the Euro-Atlantic community and Asian states on issues of WMD controls and related issues of strategic policy

Methodology

The EastWest Institute, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security; the British American Security Information Council, the Global Security Institute and other partner organizations will assemble leading officials, specialists, business leaders and other public figures to debate ideas for breakthroughs in policy. A number of concrete policy proposals will be tabled at the event to form the basis of the discussion.

Conference Outcomes

The main outputs of conference will be a summary report, a set of recommendations, full video coverage, and wide press coverage.
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Draft Agenda

08.00 – 08.50  Participant Registration

09.00 – 09.30  Keynote Speech - UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon confirmed


- Chair/Lead Speaker: Dr. Henry Kissinger (USA) confirmed
- Ambassador Sergey I. Kislyak (Russia) confirmed
- General (ret.) Pan Zhenqiang (China) confirmed
- General (ret.) Ved Malik (India) confirmed
- Dr. Hans Blix (Sweden) confirmed

10.35 - 11.10  Questions and Answers Portion – 1st Plenary Panel

11.10 – 12.10  Plenary Panel 2: Asymmetrical Arms Control? Reconciling Unequal Power

- Chair: Ambassador Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras) confirmed
- Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala (Sri Lanka) confirmed
- Ambassador Hassan Mashhadi (Iran) confirmed
- General (ret.) Ehsan Ul Haq (Pakistan) confirmed
- Ambassador Sumio Tarui (Japan) confirmed
- Dr. William Potter (USA) confirmed

12.10 – 12.40  Questions and Answers Portion – 2nd Plenary Panel
12.40 – 13.00 Concluding Remarks

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch / Free Time

14.00 – 16.00 Breakout Groups

# 1: Delegitimizing Nuclear Weapons

- Ambassador Max Kampelman (USA) confirmed
- Dr. Greg Austin (Australia) confirmed
- Mr. Teng Jianqun (China) confirmed
- Ambassador John Duncan (UK) (tbc)

#2: Regional Balances and Global Regimes

- Dr. Kanwal Sibal (India) confirmed
- Brigadier General (ret.) Naeem Salik (Pakistan) (tbc)
- Mr. Scott D. Sagan (USA) confirmed
- Ambassador Munir Akram (Pakistan) (tbc)

#3: “Getting to Zero” – What will it take and from whom?

- Mr. Michael Krepon (USA) confirmed
- Dr. Ron Huiskens (Australia) confirmed
- Mr. Paul Ingram (UK) confirmed
- Dr. Waheguru Pal Sidhu (India) confirmed

#4: Middle East: Dealing with Nuclear Imbalance

- Mr. Robert J. Einhorn (USA) (tbc)
- Ambassador Sameh Shoukry (Egypt) (tbc)
- Dr. Rebecca Johnson (UK) (tbc)

#5: NPT: “Making the 2010 Review a ‘Success”

- Ambassador Sergio Duarte (Brazil) confirmed
- Ambassador Glaudine Mtshali (South Africa) (tbc)
- Dr. Christopher Ford (USA) (tbc)
- Ambassador Knut Langeland (Norway) confirmed
- Mr. Jean du Preez (South Africa) confirmed
#6: Strategy Session on Achieving a Nuclear Weapons Convention

- Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala (Sri Lanka) confirmed
- Ambassador Robert Grey Jr. (USA) confirmed
- Ambassador Adiyatwidhi Adiwoso Asmady (Indonesia) confirmed
- Mr. Jonathan Granoff (USA) confirmed
- Ambassador Henrik Salander (Sweden) confirmed
- Ambassador Richard Butler (Australia) confirmed