Building effective capacity to support nuclear disarmament verification

Side event at UNGA73 First Committee

Date: Wednesday, 31 October 2018
Time: 13:15 - 14:45
Venue: United Nations Headquarters, Room S-2727FC

The General Assembly’s First Special Session on Disarmament (SSOD-I) explicitly recognises that all states have a stake in the conduct of nuclear disarmament negotiations, in which verification discussions form an integral part.

UNODA and VERTIC cordially invite you to a seminar to explore ways to enhance the capacity of non-nuclear armed states to contribute to the nuclear disarmament verification debate. The meeting will touch upon termination, dismantling and decommissioning actions. It will also look at the irreversible disposition of weapons-usable fissile material to prevent the re-emergence of nuclear weapons.

Finally, the meeting will discuss how capacity-building for nuclear disarmament verification can be taken forward after the GGE established by UNGA Resolution 71/67 concludes its work.

Speakers:

1. Mr Ioan Tudor: Chief of UNODA’s Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (Chairperson);

2. Ms Hana Ryba Cervenka: First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva;

3. Mr Reto Wollenmann: Deputy Head, Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland;

4. Mr Marcelo Câmara: Head of the Division of Disarmament and Sensitive Technology, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil;

5. Ms Ingrid Kirsten: Senior Research Associate, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP); and

6. Mr Andreas Persbo: Executive Director, VERTIC.

The meeting is open to all states and non-governmental organisations attending the UN General Assembly’s First Committee. A light lunch will be provided from 12:45 for attendees.

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