Ideas for Disarmament and Security Thinking: Why Research Matters

Thursday, 8 July 2010, from 13:00 to 15:00
Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

13:00—13:05 Welcome
Ms Theresa Hitchens, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

13:05—13:10 Opening Remarks
Mr Sergei A. Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva; Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to the Conference
H.E. Mr Carlo Trezza, Chair, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research Board of Trustees; Special Envoy of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non Proliferation Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:10—13:50 How Did Research Contribute to Disarmament, Peace and Security?
The Contribution of Research for Peace and Disarmament in the Last Three Decades
H.E. Sergey Batsanov, Director, Geneva Office, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs; Member, Pugwash Council

The Value of Research
Ms Beatrice Fihn, Research Associate, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
Dr Kate Dewes, Co-Director, Disarmament and Security Centre
Ms Elli Kytömäki, Project Manager, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
Dr Christiane Agboton-Johnson, Deputy-Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

13:50—14:20 How Can Research Contribute to Overcoming New Challenges for Security and Disarmament?
H.E. Mr Fred Tanner, Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Dr John H. King, Coordinator for Disarmament Education and Training, UN-Mandated University for Peace

14:20—14:40 Debate, Questions, Contributions

14:40—14:45 Closing Remarks
H.E. Mr Sergio Duarte, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations

A sandwich lunch will be served at 12:30 outside room XXV