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WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2014

09:45  Welcome from UNIDIR
Ms Theresa Hitchens, Director, UNIDIR

Panel 1 – Space Security Perspectives

10:00 People’s Republic of China
Amb. Wu Haitao, Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland, People’s Republic of China

10:15 Russian Federation
Mr Vladimir Yermakov, Deputy Director of the Department for Security Affairs and Disarmament, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

10:30 United States of America
Mr Chris Buck, Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Delegation to the Conference on Disarmament

10:45 Q & A

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Panel 2 – Space Stability 101: A Policy Perspective

11:30 Anti-Satellite Weapons (ASATs): History and Definitions
Mr Anatoly Zak, Publisher of russianspaceweb.com and author of “Russia in Space: The Past Explained, The Future Explored”

11:45 The Realities of Radio Frequency Interference
Mr Giacomo Mazzone on behalf of Mr Abdelrahim Suleiman, Technical Director, Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU)

12:00 Debris Removal/Rendezvous and Proximity Operations: Looking at Policy Implications
Ms Theresa Hitchens, Director, UNIDIR
12:15  Q & A

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00  The Challenges to Implementing Space Agreements: A Context
Ms Victoria Samson, Washington Office Director, Secure World Foundation


14:15  Reviewing the Space Treaties
Prof Li Juqian, China University of Political Science and Law

14:30  Debris Mitigation Guidelines: Moving Towards Effective Impact?
Prof. Richard Crowther, Chief Engineer, UK Space Agency

14:45  GGE: Looking to the Future of Implementation
Mr Ben Baseley-Walker, Programme Lead, Emerging Security Threats Programme, UNIDIR

15:00  Q & A

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

Panel 4 – Regional Perspectives on Issues Affecting Space Security and Stability

15:45  Kenya: An African Perspective
Dr John Kimani, Chief Executive Officer, Kenya National Space Secretariat

16:00  Switzerland: The View of Small, Space-Dependent Countries
Dr Natália Archinard, Deputy Head of Education, Science and Space Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

16:15  South Korea
Dr Jiyoung Park, Research Fellow and Director, Science & Technology Policy Center, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, and Deputy Director, Asan Nuclear Policy and Technology Center

16:30  South Asia Perspectives
Ms Victoria Samson, Washington Office Director, Secure World Foundation

16:45  Q & A

17:00  Chair’s Remarks
THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2014

Panel 5 – Current Initiatives Under Discussion: Status Updates

09:30  COPUOS LTSSA Working Group: Post-2015 Impacts
Dr Peter Martinez, Chairman, Working Group on the Long-Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)

09:45  ICOC: A Status Update
Amb. Jacek Bylica, Principal Advisor and Special Envoy, Non-proliferation and Disarmament, European External Action Service, European Union

10:00  The Rationale for the PPWT and The Principle of No First Placement of Weapons in Space
Mr Andrey Malov, First Counsellor, Disarmament and Political Affairs, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva and Mr Andrey Belousov, Head of Division for Multilateral Disarmament, Department for Security and Disarmament Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

10:15  Q & A

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

Panel 6 – NGO Perspectives

11:15  Space Security and Diplomatic Disconnect: A Canadian Perspective
Amb. (ret) Paul Meyer, Senior Fellow, The Simons Foundation

11:30  A Review of the Chatham House Space and Cyber Linkages Project
Ms Caroline Baylon, Research Associate, International Security, Chatham House

11:45  Moving Beyond Documents to Action
Ms Beatrice Fihn, Manager, Reaching Critical Will

12:00  Q & A

12:15  Concluding Remarks

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