

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

### SGP SEMINAR ON CURBING WMD PROLIFERATION

SOFIA, 28-29 JUNE 2005

**1. Discussion topic: The proliferation of biological agents and the question of terrorist actions and groups**

*The viewpoint of professional groups on the threat: the need for awareness raising*

Speaker: Prof. Malcolm Dando (Director of the WMD Disarmament Research Centre, University of Bradford, UK)

*Dual-use knowledge, technologies and equipment*

Speaker: Dr. Iris Hunger (Study Group on Biological Arms Control, University of Hamburg)

*Preventing misuse of powerful biotechnologies*

Speaker: Prof. Victor Sidel (former co-president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War)

*Challenges and initiatives for preventing bio-weaponization*

Speaker: Prof. Barry Kellman (DePaul University, Chicago)

**2. Discussion topic: The international community's initiatives to prevent proliferation**

National viewpoints from the Asia-Pacific

*The international community's initiative to combat proliferation – a Chinese perspective*

Speaker: Mr. Long Zhou, Director of DG Arms Control and Disarmament, MFA, People's Republic of China

*Japanese Policy on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation*

Speaker: Mr. Kansuke Nagaoka, Principal Assistant Director of Arms Control and Disarmament Division, MFA, Japan

*Ukraine and WMD non-proliferation*

Speaker: Mr. Ruslan Nimchynskyi, Head of the Non-Proliferation Department, MFA, Ukraine

*Curbing CBW proliferation: the Australia Group and the BWC frameworks*

Speaker: Mr. Craig Maclachlan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

*Efforts to curb the proliferation of means of delivery: the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation*

Speaker: Ambassador Wernfried Köffler, Head of Department for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, MFA, Austria, Representative of the Executive Secretariat of the Hague Code of Conduct in Vienna

*The European Union's strategy against weapons of mass destruction*

Speaker: Mr. Andreas Strub, Coordinator, Office of the Personal Representative for Non-Proliferation of WMD, European Union

*The Alliance's priorities vis-à-vis weapons of mass destruction, and their possible interface with the European Union*

Speaker: Mr. David Bertolotti, Directorate of Strategic Affairs, MFA, France

### **3. Discussion topic: Other international perspectives**

*Perspective from Saudi Arabia on weapons of mass destruction proliferation*

Speaker: H.E. Mr. Nassir Al-Assaf, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, accredited to the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg

*An international conference for the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East*

Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Shaker, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

*Recent initiatives of the international community to manage proliferation*

Speaker: Dr. W. Pal S. Sidhu (International Peace Academy, New York)

*Nuclear proliferation threats*

Speaker: Mr. Gil Reich, Director of Non-proliferation, Atomic Energy Commission, Israel

*Unfinished business of the NPT, unanswered questions regarding PSI, and unclear standards of Resolution 1540*

Speaker: Mr. Jonathan Granoff (Global Security Institute, San Francisco)