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Activity Overview

“Arms Control Symposium” CSE-A1-S-17

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Venue(s) Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Background The Arms Control Symposium is a flagship event in Cooperative Security Environment with focus on Arms Control Pillar. It offers the possibility to discuss the main Pillar topics in one place. Within the Pillar, the key priorities range from conventional Arms Control treaties, the reduction of security threats from CBRN materials to aspects of physical security and stockpile management. This Symposium aims to cover these priority topics and review the recent developments in the ever-changing political and security arena. The aim is also to gather experts from the region and beyond on the topic of Arms Control.

Purpose and Objectives The purpose of this event is to build on the experience of last year's Symposium and to present the latest developments in Arms Control, with the aim to open up new perspectives on confidence-building measures in Europe. The idea is to bring together all relevant players in the 'Arms control family' and give them the opportunity to discuss and share ideas on the future of arms control in Europe and the region. An important element of its overall aims is the updating of relevant information regarding Arms Control topics and to discuss the way ahead. The aim is also to organize a parallel meeting of the Heads of Verification Centres of the SEE region.

The objectives of the Symposium are to examine:

- *The role of Arms Control in resolving the remaining security issues in Europe*
- *The challenges during the implementations of the Arms Control treaties and agreements*
- *Future Arms Control and modern force capabilities (e.g.: Open Skies improvements)*
- *Further developments of VD'11*
- *The Arms Trade Treaty*
- *C-WMD activities in RACVIAC*

Participants are encouraged to give their own opinions as they are the true experts in this field, and also the national view on the Arms Control issues in their own countries.

Participation Participants should either be the representatives of the related ministries -foreign affairs, defence, interior- intelligence community, political institutions and national Authorities responsible for the implementation of Arms Control treaties, or experts in the field of Arms Control.

Methodology The event will take place in the form of a Symposium, followed by a podium discussion. It will last one and half working day. The working language of the Symposium will be English.

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