Activity Overview

Arms Control Symposium
‘Future Challenges and Developments in Arms Control and PSSM domain’
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Background The Arms Control Symposium is a flagship event in the Cooperative Security Environment 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 small arms and light weapons (SALW) as well as physical security and stockpile management (PSSM). This Symposium aims to cover these priority topics and review the recent developments in the ever-changing political and security arena as well as to consider future developments and challenges in this domain. The aim is also to gather experts from the region and beyond on the topic of Arms Control and SALW/PSSM.

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 coming from the ‘Arms control family’ and give them the opportunity to discuss and share ideas on the future of arms control and related areas in the region, in Europe as well as on global scale. An important element of its overall aims is the updating of any relevant information regarding Arms Control issues and to discuss the way ahead.

The objectives of the Symposium are to examine:
- The military capabilities in future conventional Arms Control
- The role of Arms Control in resolving the remaining security issues in Europe
- Future Arms Control and modern force capabilities.
- Future Challenges concerning new technologies in the Arms Control domain
- Recent proceedings in SALW/PSSM in the Region (putting into the context/deficiencies/solutions/support mechanisms).

Participation Participants should either be representatives of ministries - foreign affairs, defence, interior - political institutions and national Authorities responsible for the implementation of Arms Control treaties, or experts in the field of SALW and/or PSSM. Upon their request to participate in the Symposium, an invitation will be extended to the Republic of Korea.

Methodology The event will take place in the form of a Symposium. It will last two working days. The working language of the Symposium will be English.

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