

Middle East Outreach Seminar

28 September 2016

9:00 – 17:00

University of Jordan, Amman

8:45 Registration and Coffee

9:00 **Welcoming remarks**

- Dr Ayman Khalil, Director, ACSIS
- Mr Alexandre Houdayer, Secretary General, Foundation for Strategic Research
- Mr Egidijus Navikas, Head of Politics, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to Jordan
- H.E. Mr Azamat Berdibay, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Jordan

9:30 **Session 1: The Hague Code of Conduct against the Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles (HCoC): universality, implementation, and visibility**

Speakers:

- Mr Bruno Hanses, Senior Expert, European External Action Service
- Mr Nurken Urmantayev, Counsellor, Department for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan
- Mr Qasim Ali Hussein, Head of the Delivery Means Department at the Iraqi National Monitoring Authority for Non-proliferation, Iraq
- Dr Bernd Kubbig, Coordinator, Academic Peace Orchestra Middle East

Topics for discussion:

- Presentation by current HCoC Chair of progress and challenges relating to universality, implementation, and visibility
- The role of the Code and other TCBMs in regional dynamics and the regional security environment: the view of a Middle East signatory country
- The concrete meaning of implementing the HCoC, as perceived by a signatory state
- Successes and challenges of the HCoC in today's environment

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Session 2: Current trends concerning space launch technologies and capabilities – Dynamics of space launch and future uses of space applications**

Speakers:

- Mr Alexandre Houdayer, FRS
- Ms Karlygash Akhmetova, Senior expert of the International Space Law Directorate of the Aerospace Committee, Kazakhstan



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Topics for discussion:

- The characteristics of the development of space launch technologies
- The evolution of the satellite industry and its impact upon the space launch sector
- Interactions between the Code and a civilian space programme

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Session 3: Current trends concerning ballistic missile technologies and proliferation – General and regional views**

Speakers:

- Prof Gawdat Bahgat, National Defense University, United States
- Prof Dennis Gormley, University of Pittsburgh, United States
- Dr Sitki Egeli, Izmir University of Economics, Turkey

Topics for discussion:

- The current regional state of play in the ballistic-missile field
- Issues and challenges arising from this context
- Proliferation rationales in the Middle East
- Issues arising from dual-use technologies and related strategies
- Comparative perspectives between the implementation and challenges of the HCoC and the WMDFZ in the Middle East Initiative

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Keynote Speaker: Al Sharif Nasser Bin Nasser, Head of the CBRN CoE in Jordan: Fighting WMD Proliferation in the Middle East**

16:30 **Concluding Remarks**

- Dr Jean-François Daguzan, Deputy Director, FRS
- Dr Ayman Khalil, Director, ACSIS
- Mr Bruno Hanses, EEAS



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