Parliamentary meeting on

*Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*


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**Wednesday February 19, 2020. 10:00 – 12:30.**

United Nations New York, Conference Room 8

**Outline:**

A forum of parliamentarians, parliamentary organisations and UN delegations to discuss *Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*, the disarmament agenda released by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in May 2018, and how parliamentarians can advance this agenda working in cooperation with governments, the UN and civil society. The meeting will consider the draft of a parliamentary handbook entitled ‘*Assuring our Common Future: A Guide to Parliamentary Action in support of Disarmament for Security and Sustainable Development.*’ Feedback from the meeting will assist in editing the draft handbook whose release is planned for the 143rd IPU Assembly in Rwanda October 2020, with a follow-up UN launch of the handbook in New York during UN Disarmament Week 2020.

**Program:**

**Session 1: 10:00 – 11:15: Securing our Common Future: An agenda for Disarmament**

At this session the panel and participants will review the key elements of the UN Secretary-General’s agenda for disarmament, reflect on current conflicts and arms races, and take stock of disarmament agreements and negotiations.

Chair (and opening comments):

- **Hon Ms Gabriela Cuevas Barron MP**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Additional opening comments:

- **Hon Richard Arbeiter**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, NY
- **Hon Mr Dominique Favre**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations, NY

Speakers:

- **Mr Thomas Markram**, Director and Deputy to the UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- **Mr Jose Ignacio Echániz MP**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Comments and interventions by parliamentarians and other delegates

**Session 2: 11:15 – 12:30: Parliamentary roles to advance disarmament for our common future**

At this session the panel and participants will review key initiatives by the parliamentary community in support of disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and UN resolutions. The session will consider additional effective measures that parliamentarians can take to further the new disarmament agenda put forward by the UN Secretary-General.

Chair and opening comments:

- **Mr Saber Chowdhury MP**, PNND Co-President, Honorary President IPU

Speakers:

- **Dr Raphael Chegeni MP**, Vice-President of Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons
- **Ms Laurie Smolenski**, Institute for Economics and Peace
- **Mr David Donat Cattin**, Secretary-General, Parliamentarians for Global Action
- **Mr Alyn Ware**, PNND Global Coordinator. Coordinating editor of the handbook.

Comments and interventions by parliamentarians and other delegates

*Event languages: English and French. Registration to info@pnnd.org*