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PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT

## **The Humanitarian Imperative and Cooperative Framework to achieve a Nuclear Weapons Free World**

Side event during the Inter Parliamentary Union 130th Assembly

Geneva International Conference Centre – Centre International de Conférences Genève  
Room A, CCV Annexe  
Thursday March 20: 13:00 – 14:30

Co-sponsored by PNND and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs  
Light lunch provided  
Interpretation: Arabic, English, French and Spanish

Chair:

**Saber Chowdhury**

President IPU Standing Commission on Peace and International Security, Co-President PNND

Speakers:

**H.E. Urs Schmid** (*invited*)

*Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference on Disarmament*

**Jarmo Sareva**

*UN Office of Disarmament Affairs*

*Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament*

**Uta Zapf**

*PNND Adviser on Inter Parliamentary Organisations*

*Former Chair of the German Parliament Sub-committee on Disarmament and Arms Control*

**Rob van Riet**

*PNND UK Coordinator*

*Coordinator World Future Council Disarmament Programme*

### **Background**

Recent research indicates that the risks of nuclear weapons proliferation and use by accident, miscalculation or intent are growing, and that the humanitarian, financial and environmental consequences of nuclear weapons production and use are much greater than previously understood.

The 2014 IPU resolution on the role of parliamentarians to achieve a nuclear weapons free world is thus timely and will require full implementation.

This panel will provide an update on the humanitarian dimension for nuclear weapons abolition, explore the cooperative security framework that can assist in achieving a nuclear weapons free world, and give examples of best parliamentary practice that could be emulated or further developed in order to support comprehensive and global nuclear disarmament.

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