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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers Missions to the United Nations and has the honour to attach herewith for your information the draft programme of the Thematic Debate entitled “Disarmament and World Security: Challenges for the International Community and the Role of the United Nations”, to be held on Monday, 19 April 2010 at the conference room 4 (NLB).

The Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to all Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Thematic Debate - Disarmament and World Security: Challenges for the International Community and the Role of the United Nations

New York, April 19th 2010

Program

10h00 - Opening Session:

Speakers:

H.E. Ali Abdussalan Treki - President of the 64th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

H.E. Ban Ki-moon - Secretary General of the United Nations

10h15 - 13h00 - Session 1: Strengthening Multilateral Commitments regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction: the challenges and opportunities of disarmament, non-proliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy. *

Panelists:

Ambassador Rolf Ekéus – Chairman of the Governing Board of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Ambassador Mohamed I Shaker – Chairman of the Egyptian Council of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Joan Rohlfing – President and Chief Operating Officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative

Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty – Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa

Moderator: Ambassador Mona Juul (Norway) – Former Chair of the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security Committee)

15h00 - 17h45 - Session 2: Enhancing security through the regulation of arms: security needs, military expenditures, the arms trade and arms availability. *

Panelists:

Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala – President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs and Former United Nations Undersecretary General for Disarmament Affairs

Ambassador Camilo Reyes Rodríguez – Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and former Chair of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in all its Aspects

Dr. Keith Krause - Small Arms Survey Project and Professor at the Graduate Institute of Development and International Studies

Dr. Christiane Agboton-Johnson - Deputy Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Moderator: Ambassador José Luis Cancela (Uruguay) – Chair of the First Committee (Disarmament and International Security Committee)

17h45 – 18h00 - Closing remarks

*** All session will be followed by Q&A with Member States**