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## Panel discussion on *Comprehensive disarmament and non-proliferation*

Monday 15 October 2018 (2.30 – 4.30 p.m.)  
Room 3 & 4, level 0, CICG

### Concept note

#### Background

In May 2018 the United Nations Secretary-General launched the new disarmament agenda *Securing our Common Future*. This comprehensive agenda outlines a set of practical measures across the entire range of disarmament issues, including weapons of mass destruction, conventional arms and future weapon technologies, in order to restore disarmament in all its aspects as an integral component of the peace and security agenda of the United Nations. It seeks to generate fresh perspectives and to explore areas where serious dialogue is required to bring disarmament back to the heart of common efforts for peace and security.

#### The session will address the following questions:

- Why is disarmament essential in a deteriorated security environment?
- How does disarmament contribute to sustainable development and peace?
- How can the United Nations and parliaments cooperate to ensure better implementation of the agenda?
- How can members of parliament ensure that disarmament measures are effectively implemented?
- What institutional and legal tools do members of parliament have for achieving disarmament?
- What specific steps can parliamentarians take to ensure democratic oversight of disarmament and non-proliferation?

#### Expected achievement and outcome

The aim of the panel discussion is to provide Committee members with an opportunity to reflect on the agenda, discuss the challenges to implement disarmament in a holistic manner, and consider arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation strategies related to weapons of mass destruction, conventional weapons and future weapon technologies. This session will also be an opportunity to expound on the long-term project on oversight of disarmament launched by the Committee.

#### Format

The session will be an interactive discussion between parliamentarians and experts. After introductory remarks by the panellists, the floor will be open for an exchange of views, and for questions and answers.

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