



Invitation to participate in a parliamentary meeting on:

Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament

Wednesday February 19, 2020
10:00 – 12:30, Conference Room 8
United Nations New York

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Outline:

On May 24, 2018, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres released *Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*, which outlines a set of practical measures across the entire range of disarmament issues, including weapons of mass destruction, conventional arms and future weapon technologies.

This meeting of parliamentarians, parliamentary organisations and UN delegations will discuss *Securing our Common Future* and how parliamentarians can advance the agenda, working in cooperation with governments, the United Nations 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.

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.

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 non-proliferation & disarmament treaties, agreements 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.

Meeting languages: English and French. For further information contact info@pnnd.org