Conference - “Towards a new arms race?”
Paris, France, January 23

09:15 – 09:45: Opening remarks
• Claude Bartolone, President of the National Assembly, France
• Paul Quilès, former minister of defense, France.

Session 1: 09:45 – 10:30: A look back at the Reykjavik Summit
Moderator: Bernard Norlain, General, France
• Guillaume Sérina, author of "Reagan - Gorbachev: Reykjavik 1986 the Summit of all hopes", journalist, France
• Ward Wilson, International Expert, Project Director "Rethinking Nuclear Weapons" at the British American Security Information Council (BASIC) United States.

Session 2: 10:30 – 12:30: “Modernisation” of nuclear arsenals: its purpose and the risks it entails for nuclear proliferation
Moderator: Marc Finaud, former French diplomat, Senior Adviser, Center for Security Policy Geneva, Switzerland.
• Des Browne, Vice-President of NTI (Nuclear Threat Initiative), United States, member of the United Kingdom House of Commons, former Secretary of State for Defense of the United Kingdom
• Hervé Morin, President of the Normandy region, former Minister of Defense, France
• Oliver Meier, Associate Researcher, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Germany
• Michel Drain, Member of the Bureau of the Justice and Peace Commission, France

Session 3: 14:00 – 14:45: Debate with “Major Witnesses”
Moderator: Harold Hyman, Franco-American journalist, specialist in international affairs and geopolitics.
• Marc Stenger, Bishop, President of Pax Christi, France;
• Cédric Villani, Mathematician, Director of the Institut Henri-Poincaré, Professor at the University of Lyon, Fields Medal in 2010, France.

Session 4: 14:45– 16:15: Present approaches to international security and nuclear disarmament
Moderator: Annick Suzor-Weiner, president of Pugwash France, physicist, professor at Paris-Sud University.
• Eric Danon, Deputy Director General of Political and Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France;
• Juan Manuel Gomez Robledo, Ambassador of Mexico to Paris, Mexico (to be confirmed);
• Béatrice Fihn, Director ICAN International, Switzerland;
• Jean-Marie Collin, Vice-President of Initiatives for Nuclear Disarmament and Director of PNND France / French-speaking countries, France.

Session 5: 16:15– 17:15: Will nuclear deterrence be a major issue in the French presidential election?
Moderator: Paul Quilès, former minister of defense, France
• Frédéric Ploquin, editor-in-chief of La Croix;
• Anthony Bellanger, editorial writer at France Inter;
• Renaud Girard, Journaliste at Le Figaro.

17:15 – 17:30 Wrap-up and closing remarks

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