

Press Release

**13TH UNITED NATIONS-REPUBLIC OF KOREA JOINT CONFERENCE:
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES
IN DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION
JEJU ISLAND, 4-5 DECEMBER 2014**

New York, 3 December 2014 (Office for Disarmament Affairs) — The 13th United Nations-Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Issues will take place on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, from 4 to 5 December 2014.

This annual event is organized jointly by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, through its Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, and the Government of the Republic of Korea. Over 40 representatives from Governments and intergovernmental organizations as well as policy institutes and academia will participate in the Conference. The Director and Deputy to the UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea will address the opening session.

This year's Conference, themed "Looking Ahead: Opportunities and Challenges in Disarmament and Non-proliferation", will focus on the 2015 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; pressing nuclear non-proliferation challenges; and lethal autonomous weapons systems.

The annual Conference, hosted by the Republic of Korea since 2002, has become an important forum characterized by a constructive and frank exchange of views among Government officials, independent experts and scholars as well as civil society representatives on the challenges and solutions to current and up-coming disarmament, arms control and security issues. It also addresses particular disarmament and non-proliferation concerns in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Conference is financed through voluntary contributions from the Government of the Republic of Korea.

For further information, please contact Mr. Yuriy Kryvonos, Interim Director, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) at tel.: +977 1 501 0257, fax.: +977 1 501 0223, e-mail: info@unrcpd.org