

Press Release

**14TH UNITED NATIONS–REPUBLIC OF KOREA JOINT CONFERENCE ON
DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES**

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New York, 4 December 2015 (Office for Disarmament Affairs) — The fourteenth United Nations–Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Issues will take place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 7 to 8 December 2015.

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, in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Korea. Over 40 representatives from Governments and intergovernmental organizations, as well as policy institutes, academia and non-governmental organizations will participate. Mr. SHIN Dong-ik, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Republic of Korea and Mr. KIM Won-soo, Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, will open the Conference.

This year's Conference, themed "Unfinished Business of Building a More Secure World", will address the implications of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with the Islamic Republic of Iran and practical steps to revive denuclearization talks with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The participants will also discuss outer space security as well as efforts to establish new norms in this domain. Lastly, the Conference will focus on nuclear security in relation to the challenges and tasks ahead of the 2016 Nuclear Security Summit and the creation of an enduring nuclear security architecture post 2016.

The Conference has become an important forum for candid and constructive exchange of views among participants on timely challenges and potential solutions to key disarmament, arms-control and security issues. In particular, the Conference addresses disarmament and non-proliferation concerns at the regional level.

The Conference is financed through voluntary contributions made to the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs by the Government of the Republic of Korea, which also hosts the event.

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