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Responsible governance, disarmament and non-proliferation for progress and sustainable development

Brainstorming session

BACKGROUND

The Permanent Missions of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Suriname to the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme are organising a brainstorming event in an attempt to promote new ideas and initiatives to contribute to a universal push for sustainable development through an interdisciplinary dialogue within the UN system and beyond.

The brainstorming session will seek to discuss creative visions of transforming the world through approaches beyond the existing paradigm. The event aims to trigger new ideas on how to promote development priorities over military considerations. The exchange of ideas will also try to foster possible partnerships on the cross-cutting issues related to disarmament, non-proliferation and sustainable development. It could also produce inputs for the high-level dialogue convened by the President of the General Assembly on January 24, 2017 on the theme "Building Sustainable Peace for All: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace".

The event could be used to galvanize discussions among different stakeholders in order to ensure that the economy of militarism is no longer separated from the debate on the economy of development. Such discussions could help promote shared understandings of the issue and commitments to promote change.

Participants will be invited to discuss the following topics:

- How can governments translate their responsible disarmament and non-proliferation actions into sustainable development?
- What initiatives could contribute to the shift of universal priorities from military concerns to development considerations?
- What would be the options of investing a small percentage of the military expenditures for the implementation of sustainable development goals? In relation to this, Dr. Sam Perlo-Freeman will present SIPRI's recent report on Kazakhstan President Nazarbayev's proposal for countries to donate 1% of their military budgets towards achieving the SDG.
- What kind of interdisciplinary dialogue within the United Nations could be envisaged to address the complex intrinsic nature of the nexus between peace, stability and development these ideas require?

TIME AND VENUE

Monday, January 23, 2017, from 15:00 to 17:00,
New York, United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 8