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## Side event: *Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones and Regional Security in the Middle East, North-East Asia and Europe*

27 October, 2016 (12.30 – 2 p.m.)  
Room 18, level -1, CICG

Co-sponsored by the Inter Parliamentary Union, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament and the World Future Council

The resolution [Toward a Nuclear Weapon Free World: The Contribution of Parliaments](#), adopted by the 130<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly, affirmed the role that nuclear-weapon-free-zones (NWFZs) can play in building regional security and contributing to nuclear disarmament.

NWFZs have already been established in the Antarctic, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Pacific, South East Asia, Africa and Central Asia. Additional NWFZs have been proposed for the Middle East, North-East Asia and Europe.

This panel will provide updates on these three proposals, explore the role such NWFZs could play in the region, and provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the issue.

The event will also include the launch of the Arabic edition of the IPU Handbook for Parliamentarians on Supporting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament.

### Panel

#### Chair

- **Mr. Duarte Pacheco MP** (Portugal), Vice-President of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

#### Speakers

- **Senator Laura Rojas** (Mexico), President of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Organizations. *Lessons from the Latin American and Caribbean NWFZ*
- **Mr. Rob van Riet** (UK), Director of the World Future Council Disarmament Program. *Proposal for a European NWFZ*
- **Ms. Maria Kim** (Republic of Korea), PNND Assistant Coordinator for North East Asia. *The 3+3 proposal for a North-East Asia NWFZ*
- **Mr. Alyn Ware** (New Zealand), PNND Global Coordinator. *Parliamentary support for a Middle East Zone free of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction*
- **Senator Salwa Damen Barakat** (Jordan), *Launch of the Arabic edition of the IPU Handbook*

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Arabic.