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US-Russia Dialogue on Nuclear Issues:
WMD ISSUES IN THE MIDDLE EAST
Vienna, June 16-17, 2019
DRAFT AGENDA

Main Workshop Venue:

Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)
Donau-City Strasse, 6, Floor 13, Vienna, Austria

DAY 1: Sunday, June 16, 2019

19.00–21.00. *Venue – Zum Schwarzen Kameel Restaurant (Bognergasse 5, 1010 Vienna)*

OPENING DINNER

DAY 2: Monday, June 17, 2019

8.30–9.00.

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

9.00–9.15.

WELCOME REMARKS

- Elena **Sokova**, Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)
- William **Potter**, Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS)
- Anton **Khlopkov**, Director, Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS)

9.15–10.45.

SESSION I: *Chemical Weapons Issues in the Middle East. Is There Potential for Progress in CW Disarmament in the Middle East? Impact of the Use of Chemical Weapons in Syria on the US-Russia Bilateral Relations.*

Moderator: Anton **Khlopkov**

Speakers: Hanna **Notte**, Sergey **Batsanov**

11.00 –11.15. **COFFEE BREAK**

11.15–12.45.

SESSION II: *The Future of Nuclear Energy in the Middle East and its Possible Impact on Nuclear Proliferation*

Moderator: Elena **Sokova**

Speakers: Dmitry **Konukhov**, Chen **Kane**

12.45–13.45.

LUNCH DISCUSSION: *Russia, US and the CTBT*

13.45–15.15.

SESSION III: *The Future of the JCPOA: Implications for the Middle East and Nuclear (Non) Proliferation*

Moderator: Anton **Khlopkov**

Speakers: Sharon **Squassoni**, Alexander **Mariyasov**

15.15–15.30. **COFFEE BREAK**

15.30–17.00.

SESSION IV: *The Issue of the WMD-Free Zone in the Middle East at the 2020 NPT Review Conference; Its Impact on the Outcome of the Conference and on the Future of the NPT.*

Moderator: William **Potter**

Speakers: Grigory **Berdennikov**, Thomas **Countryman**, Anastasia **Shavrova**,
Gaukhar **Mukhatzhanova**

17.00–17.15.

CLOSING REMARKS

Anton **Khlopkov**, William **Potter**, Elena **Sokova**