

Congratulatory Message from Dr Robert Floyd

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on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the VCDNP

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On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), I wish to congratulate Executive Director Elena Sokova, her predecessor Laura Rockwood, the dedicated VCDNP team, and Dr William Potter, Founding Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, for their invaluable contributions to dialogue, research, and education on disarmament and non-proliferation.

Over the past ten years, the VCDNP has excelled in carrying out its stated mission to promote international peace and security by providing a platform for independent analysis in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation. Through conferences, seminars, and specialized training courses, the VCDNP has fostered inclusive and productive dialogue, involving all stakeholders including international organizations, national governments, non-governmental experts, scholars, and civil society. As one of the Vienna-based international organizations, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, has greatly benefitted from the VCDNP's dynamic engagement activities, and I look forward to further opportunities for cooperation and collaboration with a view to strengthening the non-proliferation and disarmament regime.