



## **Engaging Russia on tactical nuclear weapons: Next steps on confidence building**

### **Programme**

April 15, 2013 (Monday)

#### **Venue:**

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office  
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*A roundtable jointly organized by the Arms Control Association (ACA), the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH).*

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In February 2013, NATO members agreed on the mandate of the new “Special Advisory and Consultative Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Committee”. The decision results from an agreement reached at the May 2012 Chicago summit in the context of the Deterrence and Defense Posture Review. It paves the way for Allies to discuss possible measures to build confidence and increase transparency on tactical nuclear weapons. Such a process would be a crucial step towards inclusion of tactical nuclear weapons in a future arms control accord.

A clear view on what NATO expects from a nuclear confidence-building process and how the Alliance wants to achieve those goals will be conducive toward future engagement of Russia. What does the concept of reciprocity entail in practice? On what issues should the Alliance initially engage Russia? Is confidence-building best pursued on a step-by-step basis or is a comprehensive package on possible transparency measures more promising? Should nuclear confidence-building be linked to progress on other issues on the NATO-Russia agenda?

The seminar will provide an opportunity for diplomats, officials and experts from NATO countries and NATO headquarters to discuss these and other questions in a closed-door setting. The goal is to discuss the benefits and shortcomings of different confidence-building approaches, with a view to fostering a constructive dialogue with Russia on tactical nuclear weapons.

The seminar will first address general questions such as the role of NATO's new arms control committee and the requirement for Russian reciprocity. It will then turn towards specific confidence-building proposals and discuss possible linkages to other issues. The different topics will be introduced briefly by experts or officials. The seminar will help prepare a May 16 event in Moscow on similar issues.

The event will be by invitation only and will take place under Chatham House rules.

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**April 15, 2013 (Monday)**

*09:30-10:00 Registration of participants*

*10:00-10:15 Welcome and Introduction*

**Sidonie Wetzig**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Brussels

**Götz Neuneck**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy

*10:15-11:30 Panel 1: The "Special Advisory and Consultative Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Committee": What can it achieve?*

Introduction: NN, NATO

Comment: **Simon Lunn**, Nuclear Threat Initiative

Moderation **Niels Annen**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin

*11:30-11:45 Coffee break*

*11:45-13:00 Panel 2: Symmetry or best practice: Does Russia need to reciprocate changes in NATO's nuclear posture?*

Introduction: **Ambassador Martin Erdmann**, German Representative to NATO

Comment: **Paul Ingram**, British American Security Information Council

Moderation: **Katarzyna Kubiak**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy

*13:00-14:00 Lunch*

*14:00-16:00 Panel 3: Next steps: On what issues could and should Russia be engaged?*

Introduction: **Harry Heintzelman**, Deputy Director of the Office of Euro Atlantic Security Affairs in the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance in the US State Department

Comments (5 minutes each):

**Paul Flaherty**, retired UK Deputy Ambassador to NATO

**Jacek Durkalec**, Polish Institute of International Affairs

**Oliver Meier**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Moderation: **Paul Ingram**, British American Security Information Council

*16:00-16:30 Coffee break*

*16:30-17:30 Panel 4: The broader picture: Tactical nuclear weapons and the Russian-U.S. security dialogue*

Introduction: **Paul Schulte**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Comment: **Götz Neuneck**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy

Moderation: **Sidonie Wetzig**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Brussels

*17:30-18:00 Summing up*

*19:00 Joint dinner for participants*

### ***Background***

The seminar is one of a series of events on ways to reduce the role of tactical nuclear weapons in European security, organized jointly by ACA, BASIC and IFSH over the last two years, under a joint project supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Past roundtables were organized in Ankara, Berlin, Brussels, Helsinki, Rome, Tallinn, Warsaw and Washington. More information on the project and past events can be found at [www.tacticalnuclearweapons.ifsh.de](http://www.tacticalnuclearweapons.ifsh.de).