

PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF GENEVA DISCUSSIONS

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The participants have completed their twelfth round and agreed to hold the next session in the same format on 14 October 2010.

In Working Group I, the participants started their deliberations with a review of the security situation on the ground. They agreed on the importance of fully-functioning hotlines in the framework of Incident Prevention and Response Mechanisms (IPRMs). They also reiterated that the full operation of both IPRMs remains of utmost importance. While noting the situation on the ground has in general been calm, notwithstanding some specific incidents of concern, including detentions, the co-Chairs emphasized that the implementation of the principle of freedom of movement needs concerted efforts by all participants.

The participants also discussed the paper prepared by the co-Chairs “Recapitulation of the on-going work on non-use of force and international security arrangements”, as the basis of further work on these issues. The co-Chairs proposed a concept of sequential approach, which would be addressed ahead of the next round.

The participants discussed best practices and improved cooperation on the ground, including through voluntary exchange of information on sensitive activities.

In Working Group II, the participants continued detailed examination of the draft document tabled by the co-Moderators and discussed in the previous rounds. The participants presented their suggestions to guide the discussions in future meetings and to advance the achievement of concrete outcomes. The co-Moderators will assess how these suggestions can be achieved.

The participants took part in an information session on issues relating to housing and property rights. The co-Moderators will explore how specific questions raised during the information session can be addressed to further the understanding of these issues and the objectives of Working Group II.

The co-Chairs, the co-Moderators and the participants welcomed the business-like atmosphere that prevailed during the meeting and expressed the hope that this spirit will continue to guide their deliberations.