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## Press Release

## 10<sup>TH</sup> UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS DECADE'S ACHIEVEMENTS, SETBACKS, CHALLENGES ON DISARMAMENT, NON-PRROLIFERATION

## JEJU ISLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, 7-8 NOVEMBER 2011

This year marks the tenth anniversary of this United Nations-Republic of Korea joint conference series, also known as the "Jeju Process". To mark this milestone, this year's Conference, with the overall theme of "The Past and Future of Disarmament and Non-proliferation", will take stock of both progress and setbacks in the past decade in the fields of disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation. It will also explore new and emerging challenges the international community faces in the future. Against the backdrop of the forthcoming second Nuclear Security Summit, to be held in Seoul in 2012, the Conference will also address the aim and expected outcome of the Summit.

The annual Conference, hosted by the Republic of Korea since 2002, has become an important international forum characterized by a frank and constructive exchange of views among Government officials, independent experts and researchers, and civil society representatives on challenges and solutions to pressing disarmament and security issues. It also addresses particular disarmament and non-proliferation concerns in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Conference is financed through voluntary contributions made to the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, including by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

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