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***Peace and Security: Geneva Track II Conference Series – October 31, 2014***

**“The Role of Dialogue and Understanding  
In De-Escalation on the Korean Peninsula  
and in East Asia”**

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room XII

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to participate and contribute to a special program of our “Geneva: Track II Conference Series” which will be convened again at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on October 31, 2014. **“The Role of Dialogue and Understanding in De-Escalation on the Korean Peninsula and in East Asia”**, will be the theme of this one day conference. It aims to create a platform for discussion among experts and practitioners engaged in conflict prevention, peace building and development in the region.

In the recent years East Asia has shown a dangerous build-up in military might. Elaborate defense systems and costly preparations for eventual military actions undermine trust and any hope for social, economic and human development. The impact of the media's graphic reporting of situations of tension and conflict contribute to the dangers of dehumanization of the “adversary”, and the triggering of excessive responses. The conference organizers are urging a collective reflection of an alternative framework to address tensions and potential conflicts in the 21st century, proposing an alignment with the principles of the UN as described in the UN Charter: “To maintain international peace and security ..and to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to peace. ”

East Asia is a region that has contributed over millennia to the wellbeing of humanity through its religions, philosophy, art, music, literature and science. The current deadlock in the world and the deep crisis in international relations are calling for a preventative diffusion of potential threats to peace in this very strategic part of the world. Calling upon your expertise and concern, we hope that you will join us as we look at possibilities for innovative leadership, mediation skills and inclusive growth.

Sincerely yours,

For the organizing committee

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## ***Peace and Security: Geneva Track II Conference Series 2014***

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### **Tentative Schedule**

**OCTOBER 31, 2014**

**UN OFFICES GENEVA, ROOM XII.**

10:00 AM ***Session I: Security concerns that threaten stability in the region.***

**Opening remarks by H.E. Michael Moller, Acting DG of UNOG (inv.)**

- **Dr. Walter Schwimmer, former Secretary General of the Council of Europe**
- **H.E. Mayor Lee Jae Hong, Mayor Paju City, ROK**
- **Hon. Yves Nidegger, Federal Parliament of Switzerland, Bern**
- **Dr. Willem Van Eekelen, former Minister of Defense, the Netherlands**

11:30 AM Break

11:45 AM ***Session II: Reconciliation and conflict resolution efforts on the Korean Peninsula***

- **Dr. William A. Mc Comish, Dean Emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedrale, Geneva, and President Geneva Spiritual Appeal.**
- **H.E. Governor Nam Kyong Pil, Governor of Gyonggy Province, ROK**
- **Prof. Moon Byeong Cheol, Seoul National University, ROK**
- **Prof. Dr. Anis H. Bajrektarevic, Chairperson International Law and Global Political Studies, Vienna Austria.**

1:00 PM Lunch Break

3:00 PM ***Session III: Peace building models: from prevention to transformation***

- **Ms. Madeleine Rees, President Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)**
- **Mr. Willy Fautre, President, Human rights without Frontiers (HRWF), Belgium**
- **Dr. Elke Preusser-Franke, Jewish Women's Association, Dresden, Germany**
- **Dr. Nicolas Schmitt, Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland**

4: 15 PM Break

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4:45 PM ***Session IV: Opportunities for cooperation and development in the region: Calling on governments the UN and civil society.***

- **Mr. Humphrey Hawksley, Senior Correspondant BBC, London, UK**
- **Hon. Noel Farriga, former MP of Malta.**
- **Dr. Joong Hyun Pak, President INPKP, Seoul, ROK**

6:00 PM *Closing.*