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Report of the Secretariat - Regional Expert Workshop Latin American Perspectives on Irreversibility in Nuclear Disarmament

The NPSGLOBAL Foundation and the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) extended an invitation to the Secretariat of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) to participate in the Regional Expert Workshop Latin American Perspectives on Irreversibility in Nuclear Disarmament, which took place in Rio de Janeiro on 18 – 19 December 2023.

The Workshop aimed to encourage multidimensional discussions on the role of Latin American countries in promoting Irreversibility in Nuclear Disarmament (IND) and to assess the international and regional capabilities to engage in research and development related activities.

During the workshop, presentations were delivered by a selected group of experts from governments, academia, and NGOs. These experts participated by invitation, acting in their personal capacities. They addressed the international context in which IND has gained significant relevance, covering political, legal, diplomatic, and technical aspects of the matter. The debates were focused on exploring a mixture of viewpoints to shape a Latin American perspective. All discussions were conducted in English, following the Chatham House rule.

The discussions featured facilitators covering various topics related to Irreversible Nuclear Disarmament IND, including global perspectives, current developments, future challenges, among other aspects. The debates also emphasize the necessity for a shared vision and practical procedures to bridge the gap between theory and practice. Various viewpoints highlighted the conditions for irreversibility, encompassing political will, incentives for decision-makers, the cost-benefit ratio of rearmament, and both tangible and intangible costs. The significance of credible assurance and certainty from both nuclear and non-nuclear weapon states was also emphasized.

The discussions also touched upon multidimensional notions of human security and the political dimensions involved in persuading nuclear weapon states to abandon their arsenals. Examples were provided, such as the delegitimization, condemnation, and prohibition of nuclear weapons. Furthermore, transparency and multilateral efforts, including organizations like OPANAL and ABACC, were highlighted. The agenda and the list of participants of the event are included as annexes (I and II).

The organizers provided coverage for the roundtrip economy air ticket and accommodation for this event (annex III).

Annex I: Agenda



Regional Expert Workshop LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON IRREVERSIBILITY IN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

18-19 December 2023
PortoBay Hotel, Av. Atlântica, 1500, Rua Duvlvier, 6, CEP 22021-000 Copacabana,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

TENTATIVE AGENDA

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the current state of play in relation to irreversibility in nuclear disarmament (IND).
- Encourage multidimensional discussions on the role of Latin American countries in promoting IND and to assess national and regional capabilities to engage in research and development activities on this area.
- Identify ideas and exchange views on possible relevant Latin American contributions to IND, to promote regional standpoints and positions about the scope, notion and challenges of "irreversibility" in different multilateral fora and events.

Monday, 18 December 2023

9:15 – 9:30 am	Welcome and Overview of Workshop Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Irma Arguello, NPSGLOBAL Foundation, Argentina• Grant Christopher, VERTIC, UK
9:30 – 11:00 am	Introduction to IND. Global perspective. Developments, status, current and future challenges Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Christopher, VERTIC, UK• Hailey Wingo, VERTIC, UK• Irma Arguello, NPSGLOBAL Foundation, Argentina
11:00 – 11:15 am:	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:45 pm:	The political/ legal dimensions of IND Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emiliano J. Buis, NPSGLOBAL Foundation, Argentina• Carlo Patti, Universidade Nacional de Goiás, Brazil• Christian Bonfill, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina
12:45 – 2:00 pm:	Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 pm:	<p>The diplomatic dimension of IND</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ambassador Alfredo Labbé, International Humanitarian Fact Finding Commission, Chile</i> • <i>Eduardo Alcibiades Sánchez, SRE, Mexico</i> • <i>Martha Mendoza Basulto, OPANAL, Mexico</i>
3:30 – 3:45 pm:	Coffee Break
3:45 – 5:15 pm:	<p>The technical dimension of IND</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Orpet Peixoto, Consultant, Brazil</i> • <i>Sania Fernández Moreno, ABACC, Argentina</i> • <i>Pablo Mari Thomsen, Ministry of Defense, Argentina</i>
5:15 – 5:30 pm:	End of Day 1 – Conclusions
8:00 – 10:00 pm:	Dinner, venue TBD

Tuesday, 19 December 2023

9:30 – 11:00 am:	<p>Group Activity: IND</p> <p><i>Small group exercise. Role-playing scenario.</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15 am:	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15 pm:	<p>Group Activity: IND -The Latin American perspective</p> <p><i>Plenary session, elaboration of the basis of a document about the LATAM Perspective on IND</i></p>
12:15 – 12:30 pm:	<p>Conclusions</p> <p><i>Irma Arguella, NPSGLOBAL Foundation, Argentina</i></p> <p><i>Grant Christopher, VERTIC, UK</i></p>
12:30 – 2:00 pm:	Farewell Lunch
2:00 – 3:00 pm:	<p>Open meeting of the Latin American Research and Innovation HUB on Nuclear Disarmament Verification</p> <p><i>All participants invited to attend. Hybrid format</i></p>

Annex II: List of participants



Regional Expert Workshop

LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON IRREVERSIBILITY IN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

18-19 December 2023

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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Brazil

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Professor, University of Rio de Janeiro, UERJ

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Diplomat, Disarmament and Sensitive Technologies, Ministry of Foreign Relations

Leonam dos Santos Guimarães

Coordinator of the Science and Technology Committee, Amazul Tecnologias S.A. Member of the Standing Advisory Group of Nuclear Energy – SAGNE, IAEA

Odilon Marcuzzo do Canto

Professor, Santa Maria University. Former Secretary, ABACC. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

Carlo Patti

Professor, University Federal of Goiás

Orpet Pelxoto

Consultant, former Planning Manager, ABACC. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

Chile

Alfredo Labbé

Ambassador (retired). Member of the IHFFC (National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies).
Member of the NDV – GGE. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

Mexico

Eduardo Alcibiades Sanchez Klesslich

Diplomat, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

ABACC

Sonia Fernández Moreno, Argentina

Planning & Evaluation Officer, Argentina. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

Marco Marzo

Secretary, Brazil. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

OPANAL

Martha Mendoza Basulto, Mexico

Officer, International Relations. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub.

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Irma Arguello, Argentina

Founder and Chair, NPSGLOBAL Foundation. Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

Emiliano Buis, Argentina

Professor International Law, Buenos Aires University. Projects' Director, NPSGLOBAL Foundation.
Member of the NDV Latin American Research and Innovation Hub

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VERTIC

Grant Christopher, USA/ UK

Verification and Monitoring, Co-Programme Director

Hailey Wingo, USA

Research Assistant, Verification and Monitoring

Annex III: Logistical details



Regional Expert Workshop
Latin American Perspectives on Irreversibility of Nuclear Disarmament
December 18th and 19th, 2023

Arreglos de viaje

Por favor, complete el siguiente cuestionario con sus necesidades de viaje y alojamiento.

Información del participante

Nombre (tal y como aparece en el pasaporte): **Martha Mariana Mendoza Basulto**

Nombre preferido, si es diferente:

Número de pasaporte:
N01644926

País: México

Vuelo

Vuelo a Río de Janeiro. Los organizadores cubrirán un ticket round-trip en clase económica. Llegada sugerida a Río de Janeiro: domingo 17 de diciembre de 2023.

Fecha de salida de (ciudad): 16 diciembre de 2023

Fecha de salida de Río de Janeiro: 27 de diciembre de 2023

Alojamiento - Hotel Porto Bay, Copacabana

Los organizadores cubrirán 2 o 3 noches de hotel dependiendo de los vuelos programados. Las noches adicionales, si se requieren, serán cubiertas por los participantes a la tarifa especial del evento.

¿Necesita alojamiento en el hotel? **Sí/ No**

¿Reserva de noches extras (pago directo al hotel)? **Sí/ No**

Desde: 17 de diciembre de 2023 –

Hasta: --19 de diciembre de 2023

Información Adicional

N/A

LATAM AIRLINES		FECHA	SALIDA
CIUDAD DE MÉXICO		16/12/23	16:40
MEX	→	SAO PAULO	
PASAJERO		VUELO	EMBARQUE
Martha Mariana Mendozabasulto		LA8113	---
TERMINAL	PUERTA	GRUPO	ASIENTO
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SAO PAULO		17/12/23	8:25
GRU	→	RÍO DE JANEIRO	
PASAJERO		VUELO	EMBARQUE
Martha Mariana Mendozabasulto		LA4631	7:40
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RÍO DE JANEIRO		27/12/23	19:05
GIG	→	SAO PAULO	
PASAJERO		VUELO	EMBARQUE
Martha Mariana Mendozabasulto		LA3281	18:05
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SAO PAULO		27/12/23	23:50
GRU	→	CIUDAD DE MÉXICO	
PASAJERO		VUELO	EMBARQUE
Martha Mariana Mendozabasulto		LA8112	22:50
TERMINAL	PUERTA	GRUPO	ASIENTO
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