



THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to thank all delegations for their cooperation and flexibility allowing for the adoption of the agenda at the organisational session of the UN Disarmament Commission on 21 February. This is an excellent achievement that will enable all delegations to better prepare for the substantive session commencing on 2 April 2018.

On this occasion, I would like to advise delegations of the two working group chairs for the 2018 session of the UNDC.

Ms Diedre Mills, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations has kindly agreed to chair the Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Working Group.

Mr Jeroen Cooreman, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations has kindly agreed to chair the Outer Space Working Group.

Given this is the start of a new three year cycle of the UNDC, on behalf of the two working group chairs, I would like to encourage the submission of working papers and/or conference room papers relevant to the two agreed agenda items. Early submission of papers would be most welcome. Papers can be submitted to the UN Secretariat as follows:

Nuclear Working Group related papers to Lidija Komatina komatina@un.org

Outer Space Working Group related papers to Martin Vrstiak vrstiak@un.org

I look forward to your active participation in the UNDC this year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gillian Bird".

Gillian Bird
Chair - UN Disarmament Commission