Senior nonproliferation experts, including former officials from the United States and Russia, tend to compare the current crisis in this field to the Cold War era, often in favor of the latter. As we approach the upcoming NPT Review Conference, it is especially valuable to examine the history of U.S.-Russian engagement on NPT issues over the last 50 years through a scholarly lens. We ask the younger generation to share the lessons they learned from studying this experience.

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Opening Remarks by the Working Group Co-Chairs

Dr. Vladimir Orlov, Director, PIR Center; Professor, MGIMO University; Head, Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Federation

Prof. William Potter, Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies and Sam Nunn and Richard Lugar Professor of Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

8:45-10:00 AM PST/6:45 PM-8:00 PM MST
Session I. U.S.-Soviet/Russia Cooperation and the NPT at 50: Taking Stock of Past and Present

1) In what ways was U.S.-Soviet engagement central to the establishment of the NPT and the nonproliferation regime?
2) Was U.S.-Russia nuclear dialogue more productive in Cold War times and, if so, why?
3) Why are the U.S. and Russia failing to address current challenges to the NPT today despite having been able to do so in the past?
4) What were the most significant drivers for cooperation in the past, and in what ways are they different today?

Moderator: Ms. Yulia Sych, Educational Program Director, PIR Center

Panelists: Ms. Grace Kier, Undergraduate Student, College of William and Mary

Mr. Nikita Degtyarev, Graduate Student, MIIS-MGIMO Dual Degree Program in WMD Nonproliferation

Mr. Sam Whitefield, Graduate Student, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

Ms. Nadezhda Kulibaba, Graduate Student, Strategic and Arms Control Studies Program at Saint Petersburg State University
Session II. Reviving U.S.-Russia Cooperation in the NPT Context: Looking Toward 2025

1) What are the potential consequences of the demise of U.S.-Russia cooperation within the NPT?
2) How can the United States and Russia most usefully collaborate in the leadup to the postponed 2020 NPT Review Conference?
3) What lessons from past U.S.-Soviet cooperation on NPT issues can the U.S. and Russia apply during the next review cycle?
4) What can the U.S. and Russia do to strengthen the NPT and enhance the prospects for a successful 2025 NPT RevCon?
5) How can next generation experts contribute to this process?

Moderator: Ms. Sarah Bidgood, Director, Eurasia Nonproliferation Program, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

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11:15-11:30 AM PST/9:15 PM-9:30 PM MST
Concluding Remarks by the Working Group Co-Chairs

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