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Seven Decades of Collaboration: Sweden and Switzerland at the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission in Korea (NNSC)

FRI ENTRÉ ▶ Tid och plats: 18 oktober, kl. 09.30 – 14.00, Aula
Magna (Bergsmannen)

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Programme

09:30 **Coffee and registration**

10:00 **Words of welcome, 10 min**

HE Dr. Hans Blix, former Swedish diplomat

HE Dr. François Voeffray-Peyro, Swiss Ambassador to Sweden

10:10 **Introduction**

Aryo Makko (Stockholm University), “Korea, the NNSC and the Cold War”

10:20 **Panel I: Historical Perspective / Cold War Heritage**

Sacha Zala (Berne/Dodis), “The History of the NNSC in the Diplomatic Documents of Switzerland 1951–1995”

Gabriel Jonsson (Stockholm University), “Sweden’s Peacekeeping Contributions through the NNSC”

11:15 **Panel II: The NNSC – Testimonials and Personal Experiences**

Ivo Burgener (Swiss Armed Forces) and Lena Persson Herlitz (Swedish Armed Forces), “The Armistice Agreement and NNSC – Today and Future Challenges”

Urs Gerber (Swiss Armed Forces), “Implementing and Enforcing Armistice Regulations as a Sensitive Uphill Battle: More than Five Years of Experience as Swiss NNSC Member”

12:00 **Lunch break (snacks/sandwiches)**

12:30 Panel III: The NNSC and Peace in Asia – Current and Future Challenges

Linda Maduz (Geneva Centre for Security Policy), “The Future of the Korean Peninsula: Some Policy Perspectives”

Erik Isaksson (FU Berlin/Swedish Institute of International Affairs), “Changing East Asian Security: Sweden and the NNSC”

13:15 Open roundtable discussion with all participants led by Agust Börjesson (ISDP), 30 min

13:45 Concluding remarks

List of Participants

HE Dr. Hans Blix, former diplomat

HE Dr. François Voeffray-Peyro, Swiss Ambassador to Sweden

Major General Lena Persson Herlitz, Head of the Swedish Delegation to the NNSC

Major General Ivo Burgener, Head of the Swiss Delegation to the NNSC

Major General (ret.) Urs Gerber, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Center for Asia Pacific Strategy and former Head of the Swedish Delegation to the NNSC (2012-2017)

Agust Börjesson, Research Fellow at the Institute for Security & Development Policy, Stockholm

Dr. Linda Maduz, Asia Programme Manager, Geneva Center for Security Policy

PhD Candidate Erik Isaksson, FU Berlin/Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Prof. Aryo Makko, Stockholm University

Prof. Sacha Zala, University of Berne/DODIS

Associate Prof. Gabriel Jonsson, Stockholm University

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