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The Institute of International Relations
in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
cordially invites you to the international conference

The Prague Agenda - the Way Forward

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Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague, Czech Republic

The historic city of Prague has recently hosted two major international security events. First, in April 2009 US president Obama arrived in Prague to announce his bold nuclear disarmament vision. In April 2010, Prague was chosen to host the summit of bilateral US-Russian nuclear arms control talks resulting in the signature of the New Start Treaty. The selection of Prague as a venue provides now a unique opportunity to take stock of the progress achieved so far in the two agendas. This international conference will explore both political and expert views related to disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation and nuclear security.

The first panel *Taking Stock of the Prague Agenda* will evaluate the progress and future outlook of the Prague agenda. While recognizing bilateral as well as multilateral dimensions of the agenda, the panel should address various questions, including those of necessary steps to be taken to further develop the processes of nuclear disarmament and arms control in light of their inevitable strategic consequences or their relation to the non-proliferation process.

The second panel *Strategic Thinking: Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation* will examine the strategic studies expertise. The issues determining the current debate include those of the strategic balance implications of the above-mentioned processes; the nature of mutual relationship between the bilateral arms control/disarmament and potential multilateral arms control/disarmament agendas, the emphasis the parallel non-proliferation process is given and how it could be enhanced; and the assessment of both global and regional implications and the consequential global and regional steps.

The third panel *Strengthening the Nuclear Security* will shift the debate to the expert/professional reflections of the issue of nuclear security. The essential topics in this area include those of what further steps should be taken in the management of nuclear materials, how to detect and disrupt diversion and smuggling or the role of international cooperation in the prevention of nuclear terrorism.