A Dialogue on Matters that Matter with United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu and Jonathan Granoff (moderator)

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United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Izumi Nakamitsu, is an expert in peace and security and a former professor of international relations. Her United Nations work, before heading the Office of Disarmament Affairs, has included, inter alia, overseeing crisis response at the UN Development Programme and directing the Asia and Middle East Division and Division for Policy, Evaluation and Training of what is now the UN Department of Peace Operations. Early in her UN career, she held positions in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as in the former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan’s UN Reform team.

Ms. Nakamitsu recently warned that the struggle for progress in nuclear arms control and disarmament is “going backwards,” and as the UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, she has joined Secretary-General António Guterres in calling for “a new vision” for disarmament and arms control. Amidst a global health pandemic and rising hostility between the major nuclear powers, she will consider how to reinvigorate global governance and dialogue, respond to concerns over nuclear “modernization” programs and the ongoing danger of nuclearized regional conflicts, as well as other issues she has addressed in her career.

Jonathan Granoff is Senior Advisor to the Section’s Committee on National Security, Chair of the Task Force on Nuclear Nonproliferation, President of the Global Security Institute and Senior Advisor and Representative to the United Nations of the World Summits of Nobel Peace Laureates. This event is part of a series that has included former Secretaries of Defense William Perry and Robert McNamara, actor and activist Michal Douglas, former CIA officer Valerie Plame, and courageous whistle blower Daniel Ellsberg, and renowned primatologist Jane Goodall.

This program will include a presentation of the Section’s Lifetime Achievement Award to Jonathan Granoff that will include remarks from Michael Douglas and Jane Goodall, United Nations Messengers of Peace. We expect it to be informative and compelling.