Press Releases: International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV) Fifth Plenary Meeting

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The International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV) will hold its fifth plenary meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification and Compliance Anita Friedt will join counterparts from Partner states, both with and without nuclear weapons, to discuss the conclusion of Phase I of the Partnership's effort to build international capacity for, and understanding of, nuclear disarmament verification.

This plenary meeting will review the Phase I results of the Partnership's three working groups on monitoring and verification objectives, on-site inspections, and technical challenges and solutions. The discussions held over the last two years represent a realistic attempt to understand the challenges inherent in nuclear disarmament verification and begin to develop solutions to those challenges. The Partnership will also discuss a work program for its next two-year Phase II, which will expand on the work done in Phase I. After the conclusion of the plenary, the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) will launch a new website to promote the next phase of the Partnership's work.

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