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Working Group 5

MEETING SPECIFICS: 22 Nov, 1300-1600

ATTENDEES: normal group, Dr Wallerstein chaired meeting

MEETING AGENDA/OBJECTIVES: Review negative security assurances, no first use, and nuclear free zone issues.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS:

- No first use/negative assurances.

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-- Dr Wallerstein: Requirement to sustain or reduce weapons in NATO is major requirement of this group.

-- Col Shannahan: Most countries who want negative assurances, express such statements as "no first use on me." Hot topic in international community in regards to NPT.

-- Dr Wallerstein asked if positive security assurances/no first use statements would bring borderline countries into fold.

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- Group not sure if chem/bio should be captured under NSA/PSAs.

-- Ms Johnson provided review of nuclear free zone issues before government.

--- South Pacific

---- Conditions for support remain: language similar to negative security assurances, doesn't impede US transit or visit options, regional internal initiative.

---- Doesn't believe free zones will have much impact on NPT.

--- African nuclear free zone

---- Above comments apply.

---- Still drafting language, based on South American model.

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--- Mongolian free zone

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--- Egyptian "WMD free zone"

---- Regional politics/threat will prevent movement.

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- Forward pressures

-- Dr Wallerstein: Has removal of nuclear weapons from Korea/off naval ships impacted proliferation?

--- Group response: No.

-- Col Shannahan: Forward presence of force and nuclear weapons are underpinning of NATO security guarantees.

-- Dr Altfeld: Forward deployed weapons provided trigger mechanism (use/or lose weapons); nondeployed systems present timelines problem in perceptions of adversary.

WHAT'S NEXT: 24 Nov 93, 1300-1600, Blue Room

OTHER: None.

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