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Holy See Mission to the United Nations, New York

Further Resources

Videos

Behind the scenes of the UN General Assembly (2015)

Although this was recorded a few years before my placement, this video provides a taste of what it is like to be working at the United Nations during High-Level Week. The video features the Pope's visit to the UN in 2015.

United Nations - <https://youtu.be/XvKpnRPOSEk>

Holy See Secretary of State Addresses the General Debate, 74th Session

Cardinal Parolin came to New York to represent the Pope at the General Debate and make a statement on behalf of the Holy See. The team and I can be seen at 2:23.

YouTube (United Nations) - <https://youtu.be/y1G4Vv0kmTk>

What's the NPT?

YouTube (K1 Project) – <https://youtu.be/j2fOnJpMsZE> (2018)

What is the NPT? An Animated Introduction to the Non-Proliferation Treaty

YouTube (WMD Awareness) - <https://youtu.be/RdGnDcwYcAM> (2014)

The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

YouTube (K1 Project) – <https://youtu.be/7Qx10kNiwsQ> (2018)

Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Incomplete, 20 Years On

YouTube (Al Jazeera English) - <https://youtu.be/JT6SIsTxEkU> (2016)

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

YouTube (K1 Project) - <https://youtu.be/OXzrxspyzXo> (2018)

Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Adopted at UN

YouTube (Al Jazeera English) - <https://youtu.be/yRVLL9tS94o> (2017)

Russia pulls out of INF Treaty one day after US: A new Cold War?

YouTube (DW News) - <https://youtu.be/tDIV3Xkl2Kk> (2019)

How Hypersonic Weapons Created A New Arms Race

There has been a hypersonic missile arms race between the US, China and Russia recently. These weapons, fitted with nuclear warheads, may be able fly around 20x + speed of sound and can adjust direction of travel in flight. They are almost impossible to defend against with current technology.

YouTube (CNBC) - <https://youtu.be/IMXicAO1uJk> (2019)

Autonomous weapons could change battlefields of the future

YouTube (Vox – International Committee of the Red Cross) - https://youtu.be/e_DsE9f5gyk (2018)

This Is What a New Space Arms Race Will Look Like

YouTube (Radio Free Europe / Liberty Radio) - <https://youtu.be/ZVCXGdVWbCY> (2019)

Statements by the Holy See

Statement by Holy See (October 17, 2019) - General and Complete Disarmament

United Nations - <http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/21999157/holy-see.pdf>

Statement by Holy See (October 22, 2019) - Nuclear Weapons

United Nations - http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/21999600/holysee_first-committee_nuclear_22oct19.pdf

Statement by Holy See (October 25, 2019) – Conventional Weapons

United Nations - http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/21999868/holysee_firstcommittee_salw_25oct19.pdf

Statement by Holy See (October 29, 2019) – Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space

United Nations - <http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/23328735/holysee-29oct19-prevention-armsrace-os.pdf>

List of Statements Made by the Holy See on all Topics

Holy See Mission - <https://holyseemission.org/contents/statements/>

Statements and Reports by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Statement by the UK (October 21, 2019) – Nuclear Weapons

United Nations - <http://statements.unmeetings.org/media2/21999475/united-kingdom.pdf>

UK National Report submitted to the 2015 Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (April 22, 2015)

This report sets out the official UK position on nuclear disarmament both domestically and internationally.

United Nations - <https://undocs.org/NPT/CONF.2015/29>

News Articles

Fumbling the Nuclear Football: is Trump Blundering to Arms Control Chaos? (May 24, 2020)

This article provides the most up to date context for the situation at present with regards to nuclear arms control. It highlights that the only remaining nuclear arms control agreement in place is the New Start Treaty that is set to expire in February 2021.

The Guardian - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/24/nuclear-weapons-donald-trump-arms-control-chaos>