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9:15-10:00 am: Welcome and Objectives

(Chairperson: Maurizio Martellini, LNCV)

- Amb. Umberto La Rocca, SIOI
- Amb. Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Director General of Political Affairs, Italian MFA
- Ken Luongo, RANSAC
- Maurizio Martellini, Landau Network-Centro Volta (LNCV)
- Sue McLaren, UK Ministry of Defence
- Jason Rao, U.S. Bio-Industry Initiative, US Department of State
- Barbara Rhode, EC DG-Research
- Cindy Vestergaard, Global Partnership Program, Canada

10:00-11:30 am: Status of Bio-Cooperation in International Programs

(Chairperson: Maurizio Martellini, LNCV)

- Uwe Meyer, International Science and Technology Center
- Jason Rao, U.S. Bio-Industry Initiative, US Department of State
- Barbara Rhode, EC DG-Research
- Cindy Vestergaard, Global Partnership Program, Canada

11:30-11:45 am Coffee Break

11:45 am-1:00 pm: Improving the Global Biosafety and Security Network

(Chairperson: Ken Luongo, RANSAC)

- Maureen Best, Global Partnership Program, Canada
- Eugene Grishin, Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry
- Giles Merritt, New Defence Agenda
- Leonid Ryabikhin, Committee of Scientists for Global Security and Arms Control

1:00-2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00-3:45 pm: Creating New Biotech Ventures at Key Institutes – Russia

(Chairperson: Maurizio Martellini, LNCV)

- Vladimir N. Kolesnikov, Biopreparat
- Gennady Lepeshkin, Russian-American Center for Ecological Monitoring, Kirov, Russia
- Sergey Netesov, Vector
- Sergei Pchelintsev, Institute of Immunology Engineering
- Yuri Remnev, TEMPO Consortium

3:30-3:45 pm Coffee Break

3:45-5:45 pm: Creating New Biotech Ventures at Key Institutes – CIS

(Chairperson: Raphael Della Ratta, RANSAC)

- Shakhnoza Azimova, Uzbek Institute of Chemistry of Plant Substances
- Evgeney Kalmykov, Stepnogorsk Environmental Monitoring Laboratory
- Valery Shimanaev, Stepnogorsk Technology Park

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9:15-10:45 am: Strengthening the Global Ban on Biological Weapons

(Chairperson: Maurizio Martellini, LNCV)

- Don Avery, University of Western Ontario
- Robin Coupland, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Sarah Price, UK Foreign Commonwealth Office

10:45-11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am -12:30 pm: Conclusions and Next Steps. Round Table

(Chairperson: Ken Luongo, RANSAC)

- Derek Averre, CREES, University of Birmingham
- Ken Luongo, RANSAC
- Maurizio Martellini, Landau Network-Centro Volta (LNCV)
- Andrea Meloni, Unit of Analysis and Programmation, Italian MFA

Adjourn and Lunch Break: 12:30-1:30 pm

The meeting, organized as a Round Table, will be arranged according to the above agenda of topical issues. Each Session is coordinated by a moderator and ample time is allowed for discussions.

Attendance is on an invitation-only basis and is limited to experts belonging to international think tanks, governmental agencies and institutions, and to the private sector.

The official language is English and Russian-English-Russian translation is provided.

Presentations must not be longer than 10 minutes.

The Organizing Committee is covering travel and accommodation costs only for Russian and CIS participants.
