Unlocking Progress on PAROS: Innovative Proposals Towards a Global Space Security Regime

The **United Kingdom** and the **Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)** invite you to join an in-person event on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects on the margins of the UN General Assembly First Committee meeting. The event will take place on **Friday, 24 October 2025, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room D on the 1st Basement level.**

Lunch will be served from 13:00 near the Vienna Café.

The event will explore concrete, innovative proposals for developing and implementing effective rules, norms, and mechanisms for space security. These proposals expand on ideas that featured in discussions during the OEWG on Reducing Space Threats (2022-2023) and the GGE on Further Practical Measures for PAROS (2023-2024). They address some of the following topics:

- Tackling identified space threats in a form-flexible way, combining voluntary and binding measures
- Better reflecting the interests of Global South countries in protecting the peaceful uses of space
- Involving technical and industry experts in the development of rules and mechanisms to reduce space threats, such as unauthorised rendezvous and proximity operations
- Enhancing results-oriented cooperation between the OEWG on PAROS in All its Aspects and COPUOS to benefit from the complementarity between space safety, security, and sustainability

These proposals were generated with officials and diplomats from 18 countries across all continents, experts, and space industry during a workshop in Geneva, organised by the VCDNP and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) in September 2025.

Speakers

- **Ambassador David Riley**, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Conference on Disarmament (Moderator)
- **Ashlyn Milligan**, Deputy Director, Space and Conventional Weapons, Global Affairs Canada
- **Louis Reitmann**, Research Fellow, VCDNP

More speakers will be announced in due course.