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**COLLOQUIA ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY**

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SPECIAL EVENT  
WITH

**H.E. IZUMI NAKAMITSU**

UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS

PRESS RELEASE

The *Colloquia* on Science Diplomacy organized by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the International Organizations and Foreign Diplomatic Missions in Italy, promotes the values of Diplomacy and Science in international relations as fundamental principles to be pursued in the *modus operandi* and the *modus vivendi* of modern society. In the *Colloquia* the most important personalities of world institutions and the presidents of the most prestigious academies will discuss various topics and future developments of interest for the international community.

The Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei is pleased to announce the Special Event “Global Security and Disarmament Agenda at Crossroads: a Fragmented World or a Cohesive Future?” by H.E. Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, which will take place at the *Colloquia* on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 4 pm CEST.

The world is at a crossroads. Increased polarization among the community of nations, rising inequalities exacerbated by climate change, the impacts of the global pandemic and the global supply chain crisis, heightened intolerance and hate speech, and eroding trust in the capacity of multilateral instruments to find effective solutions to current problems are threatening international peace and security in ways we haven't experienced in decades. The nature, intensity, and global consequences of the Ukraine crisis are further creating fundamental challenges to the international order.

This is a “make or break” moment, as the UN Secretary-General frames it. The world needs an urgent course correction that brings Member States and all major stakeholders on the same page and triggers urgent action to prevent and mitigate conflicts. Disarmament and arms control are fundamental elements of any new thinking on the international security architecture. Recognizing that disarmament is not a utopian or abstract concept but a practical component of human, national and collective security, the *Lectio Magistralis* focuses on three inter-related issues: the state of global security and disarmament efforts in light of current realities, the impact of the Ukraine war on food insecurity, energy challenges and other critical issues at the global level, and reflections on the future of multilateralism and the United Nations itself. The *Lectio Magistralis* will also focus on the Secretary-General's “New Agenda for Peace”, with an updated vision for disarmament to move away from the reliance on weapons and towards an investment in people centered approaches, diplomacy and dialogue – a colossal task in today's rapidly evolving international climate.

The welcome speech will be delivered by Prof. Roberto Antonelli, President of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

The *Lectio Magistralis* of H.E. Izumi Nakamitsu will be introduced by H.E. Plen. Min. Carlo Lo Cascio, Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and will be followed by a Round Table, moderated by Prof. Wolfango Plastino, Chair of the *Colloquia* on Science Diplomacy, which will be attended by Prof. Marie-Louise

