



“Role-Play Simulations as Effective Participatory Learning Techniques in Science Diplomacy Education”

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The NPT Review Conference Model (2020, 2021)

- an effective participatory learning technique in science diplomacy education
- a prime example of an extended role-play simulation
- a great opportunity to delve into non-proliferation, disarmament & nuclear test ban
- a thought-provoking exercise aimed at investigating the NPT-CTBT nexus & showcasing the role of the CYG



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MEPhI & Science Diplomacy Club:
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➤ outreach and education activities:

webinars with experts, career talks, presentation contests, Science Diplomacy School, student-led seminars, role-play simulations, summer seminars for pre-university students, online quizzes

Institute of International Relations MEPhI:

- specialists in the field of international scientific, technological and industrial cooperation

Science Diplomacy Club - under the auspices of the Institute of International Relations



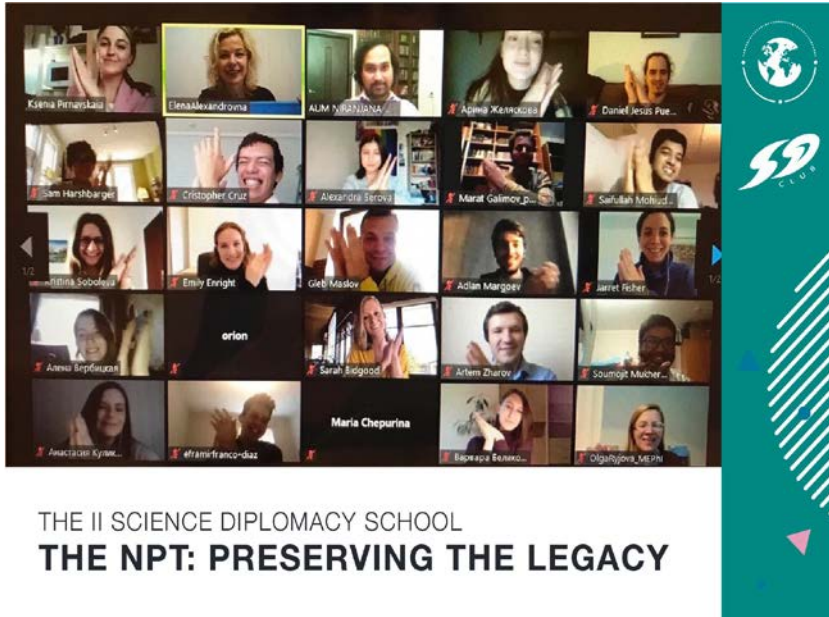
MEPHI Science Diplomacy Club

- https://vk.com/sdclub_mephi
- <https://twitter.com/clubdiplomacy>
- <https://instagram/sdc.mephi>

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Science Diplomacy Club - to nurture a new generation of experts



- willing to bridge diplomatic challenges & technical solutions
- curious about cross-cutting issues at the interface of science & international relations
- ready to harness the power of atom for peaceful purposes
- eager to learn more about current challenges in the field of nuclear test ban, non-proliferation & disarmament

The NPT Review Conference Model: General Overview

Duration - 3 online sessions, intersessional activity, a closing session

March 29 an Introductory Session

April 12 the General Debate: National & Group Statements, the Right of Reply Session

April 26 the Deliberations on the Final Document

April 29 a Closing Session (a hybrid format)

The II NPT Review Conference Model: The Way Ahead Online Session 1, March 29, 2021

<i>Format</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker(s)</i>	<i>Timing</i>
The Opening of the II RevCon Model	Welcoming Remarks	E.A. Tsyvkunova	8:30 - 8:40
Interactive Lecture	The NPT RevCon Model (1) the Rules of Procedure (2) Follow-On Tasks	Gleb Maslov	8:40 - 9:30
Q&A Session		Gleb Maslov	9:30 - 10:00
Break			10:00 - 10:15
	Welcoming Remarks	Chairs of the Model	10:15 - 10:25
2-minute statement	Welcoming Remarks of the Delegates (23 speeches)	All the delegates of the Model	10:25 - 11:30
	Closing remarks	Gleb Maslov E.A. Tsyvkunova	11:30 - 11:45

The NPT Review Conference Model: General Overview

➤ Participants from **Russia, Kazakhstan, India, Mongolia**

➤ **29 Delegates** divided into **4 Groups**:

P5 – the permanent members of the UNSC
NAM - the Nonaligned Movement
NPDI – the Non-Proliferation & Disarmament Movement
VG10 – the Vienna Group of Ten

- 2 Chairpersons
- an Expert & Secretariat
- 2 Keynote Speakers

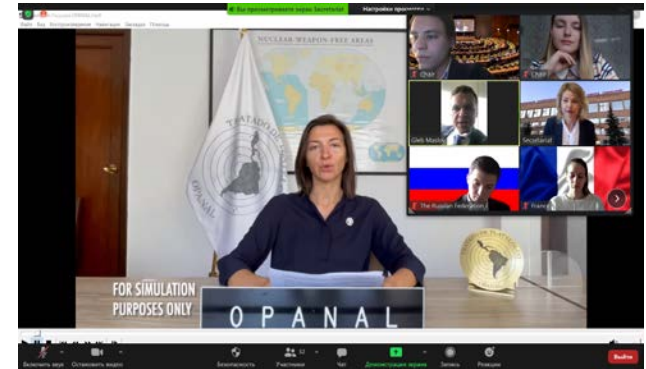


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- **Keynote Speakers** – representatives of international organizations
- **Natalia Zhurina** - Session 2: the General Debate, the **OPANAL** statement
- **Maria Chepurina** - Session 3: the Deliberations on the Final Document

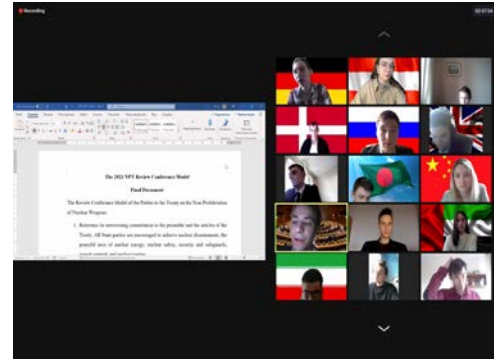


an interactive session focusing on
the **NPT-CTBT nexus & the role of the CYG**











The NPT Review Conference Model: Main Objectives

- to provide a virtual platform to grasp the realities of non-proliferation & disarmament agenda
- to build bridges between academic theory & diplomatic practice
- to enhance soft skills through a real-life multilateral negotiation exercise
- to foster the development of cross-cultural & cross-discipline competences
- to develop decision-making & task prioritizing skills
- to improve public speaking skills as well as writing skills



The NPT Review Conference Model: Methodology

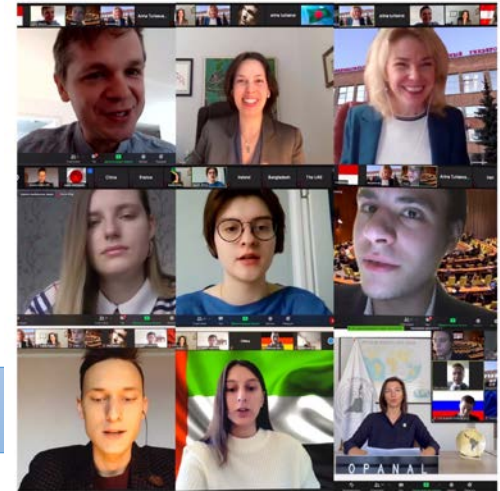
- **a pre-Model test** to check the basic knowledge of the NPT
- **an access to enrichment materials** on the educational platform of the IIR (authentic articles, useful links to 2019 NPT PrepCom statements, video materials)
- **an active use of social networks** to provide assistance & monitoring of the Model (**online networking**: 4 Groups_Chats + 22 States_Chats + 1 Chairs_Chat + 1 Expert_Secretariat Chat)
- **progress checks** (national statements, group statements, reports to the capitals + feedback)

	Mongolia, NPT RenConModel +976 8920 1810: Okay, thank you	15:09
	The UK (NPT Rev Con) Gleb: 🙌	15:03
	The United States Gleb: That's right. But please look at the recent statements by the US. It seems...	15:03
	Brazil Gleb: Dear Nastya, this is a very good recollection of your statement. We usu...	14:58
	Canada +7 985 115-35-06: Thank you. Got it.	14:58
	FRANCE Danila: Wow. Thank you!	14:54
	NPT The Netherlands Gleb: Good job to the delegation of Netherlands. While working closely wit...	14:53
	New Zealand2 NPT RevCon ✓ ВЪ: Fully concur, a good report. Dasha, try to be more active with your...	14:53

The NPT Review Conference Model: Key Takeaways

- 1) an important step to encourage youth to be involved in non-proliferation & disarmament agenda
- 2) a powerful learning technique for interdisciplinary, multicultural and inter-institutional collaboration
- 3) one of the best ways to learn & practice soft skills
- 4) an effective tool to engage participants in the interactive, authentic & self-driven acquisition of knowledge
- 5) an inspiring role-play simulation to boost out-of-the-box thinking

A bumpy ride but very rewarding and impactful!

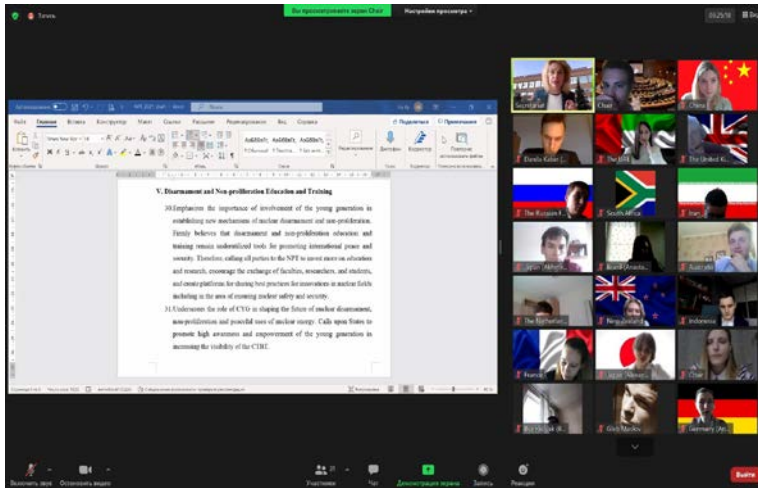


“... since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed...” (UNESCO Constitution)

Section V “Disarmament & Non-Proliferation Education & Training”

unanimously adopted

Science Diplomacy education is a win-win game!





Role-Play Simulations

effective, capacity building exercises with a view to
nurturing science diplomacy experts

Thank you for your attention!

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