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MIDDLE EAST MISSILE CONFIDENCE, SECURITY BUILDING AND NONPROLIFERATION MEASURES

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ABSTRACT:

This project's public purpose is to identify, and help build regional support for, confidence and security building measures (CSBMs) and nonproliferation steps regarding missiles in the Middle East and North Africa ("Middle East"). If current proliferation trends continue, the present substantial threat to U.S. bases and allies in the region will increase considerably.

This project will undertake research, convene a strategic dialogue, and prepare a report with recommendations on topics including:

- How can relevant Middle Eastern countries be persuaded to adhere to the Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOB), the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), and implement their missile-related obligations under Security Council Resolution 1540 and the UN Register on Conventional Arms (UNROCA)?
- What specific Middle East missile-related CSBMs and nonproliferation steps are feasible in the current political climate?
- How can the international community more effectively help deter and constrain missile acquisition and use by state and non-state actors in the Middle East?

The strategic dialogue will take the form of a Middle East Missile Task Force associated with the Middle East Regional Security and Cooperation Dialogue, which twice annually convenes several hundred officials and experts, from all Middle Eastern countries, to confidentially discuss issues of concern.

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