



Views of Switzerland pursuant to resolution 79/28 “United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education” adopted by the General Assembly on 2 December 2024, in accordance with the request of the UN Secretary-General contained in Note Verbale ODA/2026-00016

Deadline 29 May 2026

In the area of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, Switzerland is actively engaged in multiple efforts to support education. Accordingly, Switzerland has supported resolution 79/28 and 80/55 on "Youth, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation" as well as their predecessors. Switzerland also regularly joins statements and working papers in multilateral bodies that call for the strengthening of disarmament and non-proliferation education.

Switzerland is convinced that the preservation and further development of expertise and competencies in the field of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation represent a key investment in security policy and are a prerequisite for future success. Switzerland is therefore committed to creating meaningful opportunities for youth engagement, as the next generation will play a significant role in shaping the future of international security.

To this end, Switzerland has supported various training programmes and engagements with students in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation:

- Programmes: The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) Fellowship Programme on Disarmament¹; the UNODA and Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) Joint Engagement Project²; the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) Women in AI Fellowship Programme³; the IAEA Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme⁴; the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Scholarship for Peace⁵, and the Mine Action Fellowship by Mines Action Canada⁶.
- Training and capacity-building: Through the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS), Switzerland hosts the Multinational Small Arms and Ammunition Group (MSAG) Ammunition and Staff Assessment Visit Course, providing practical training for international participants in the safe and secure management of ammunition stockpiles — a direct contribution to capacity-building for the implementation of arms control commitments.
- Exchanges with students: Swiss representatives regularly engage with students through various presentations and exchanges on topics including security policy, nuclear non-proliferation, new technologies and lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS). Switzerland has also conducted an Applied Research Project on arms control⁷ with students from the Geneva Graduate Institute.

¹ <https://disarmament.unoda.org/en/our-work/disarmament-bodies/disarmament-fellowship>

² <https://disarmament.unoda.org/en/updates/unoda-and-vcdnp-partner-outreach-event-swiss-federal-institute-technology-zurich>

³ <https://unidir.org/women-ai/>

⁴ <https://www.iaea.org/services/key-programmes/together-for-more-women-in-nuclear/iaea-marie-skłodowska-curie-fellowship-programme>

⁵ <https://www.osce.org/scholarship-peace-security>

⁶ <https://www.minesactioncanada.org/mineactionfellows>

⁷ <https://www.graduateinstitute.ch/applied-research-projects>



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

- **Support to specialised institutions:** Switzerland provides financial support to institutions active in arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation research, training and education, including the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) and the Center for Security Studies (CSS) at ETH Zurich. Through their courses, research and expertise, these institutions make a sustained contribution to building and preserving knowledge in the field.

Furthermore, Switzerland offers several academic internships in the field of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, encompassing policy as well as implementation-related work, both in Bern and in relevant missions.

The above list of activities is not exhaustive and does not include the numerous education programmes and courses offered by Swiss universities.