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Program Overview

The Eisenhower Center for Space and Defense Studies organized and held its fourth annual National Space Forum from 1-2 September 2009 in Washington, DC. Panels at the Forum discussed security issues and space. Specific topics of discussion included an assessment of security challenges and threats in the space domain, the role of space deterrence in national policy, the potential for new approaches to arms control and verification, improving international cooperation with allies in Asia and Europe, a discussion of China's role in space, and implementation of national space policy in the Obama Administration. The Forum concluded with discussions on how to integrate often competing interests into a more cohesive policy, and, more importantly, improve the chances that such a policy can be effectively implemented. Forum panels represented a variety of points of view from the security, civil, and commercial space sectors. Each panelist presented opening remarks to identify key issues and concepts that were discussed among the group of panelists.