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Victoria Samson is the Chief Director, Space Security and Stability for the Secure World Foundation and has over twenty-five years of experience in military space and security issues.

Before joining SWF, Ms. Samson served as a Senior Analyst for the Center for Defense Information (CDI), where she focused on missile defense, nuclear proliferation, and space security issues. Prior to her time at CDI, Ms. Samson was the Senior Policy Associate at the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, a consortium of arms control groups in the Washington, D.C. area, where she worked on issues related to ballistic missile defense and nuclear weapons reduction. Before that, she was a researcher at Riverside Research Institute, where she scripted war-gaming scenarios for the Missile Defense Agency's Directorate of Intelligence.

Ms. Samson is the head of the International Astronautical Federation's Security Task Force and a member of the Space Security Working Group of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)'s Committee on International Security and Arms Control (CISAC).

Ms. Samson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a specialization in international relations from UCLA and a Master of Arts in international relations and international economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

*Ms. Samson has not previously testified before the Commission.*