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Develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons

Organizing ideas to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations

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I. Introduction

1. Taking into account the discussions held during May 2013, this document aims to suggest a way forward in organizing the ideas that emerged during such debates and to raise questions that might help participants of the Open-ended Working Group to develop the proposals requested by the Chairperson.

II. Food for thought: organizing ideas and developing proposals

2. Multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations involve different elements, processes and actors. The challenge therefore is to develop a framework that, on the one hand, fulfils the ultimate objective of achieving a world without nuclear weapons and, on the other hand, allows us to maintain such world.

3. Bearing in mind the need to develop proposals that consider the variety of components that should be addressed to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations, such proposals could be divided in the following categories:

(a) Approaches on how to achieve and maintain a world without nuclear weapons.

(b) Elements to consider in multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons.

(c) Review of the role of nuclear weapons in the security context of the twenty first century.

(d) The role of International Law for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons.

(e) The role of different actors in multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations.

4. Considering these proposal of categories, inputs by participants could address the following questions:

- What is the common ground among the different approaches to achieve and maintain a world without nuclear weapons?
- What is needed to achieve a world without nuclear weapons?
- Which instruments are needed to maintain a world without nuclear weapons? Which of these instruments currently exist, what are their strengths and weaknesses, and what gaps would need to be addressed?
- What is the role of nuclear weapons in the security context of the twenty first century?
- How does current International Law help us towards the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons?
- How can different actors contribute to achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons?

III. Conclusion

5. A clear organization of ideas could facilitate the development of proposals in order to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations.

6. The Open-ended Working Group constitutes an opportunity to find common ground that could have the potential to bridge the gaps between the variety of approaches on how to achieve and maintain a world without nuclear weapons.
