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Proposal for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Nuclear Disarmament

1. The Group of 21 proposes that the Conference on Disarmament adopt the following decision:

"The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on Nuclear Disarmament to commence negotiations on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament for the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified framework of time.

The Conference decides to appoint as the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee during its 1996 session."

2. The Group of 21 further proposes that this decision be adopted by the Conference on Disarmament during the first part of its 1996 session. The negotiations in the framework of this Ad Hoc Committee should commence immediately after the conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty negotiations in 1996.