

**PRESIDENTIAL REPORT
TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT
ON PART III OF THE 2007 SESSION**

1. The presidential assessments of part I and II of the 2007 session are contained in documents CD/1820* and CD/1825 respectively. This report covers the inter-sessional period between part II and III of the 2007 session as well as the first five weeks of part III.
2. During the inter-sessional period between part II and III, the incumbent President, Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland, conducted consultations with a view to bringing the Conference closer to a consensus on the basis of three documents, the current versions of which are contained in annexes I, II and III of this report.
3. At the beginning of Part III, the incumbent President announced that he would continue his consultations with a view to bringing the Conference closer to an agreement on taking up substantive work.
4. At the plenary meeting of 7 August 2007, Ambassador Pfirter, Director-General of the OPCW, made a statement on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). Also, Ambassador Masood Khan made a statement, in his capacity as President of the 2006 Review Conference and the 2007 Meeting of Experts and States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BTWC), on the current status of the Convention.
5. On 16 August 2007, the President reported that he conducted a considerable number of consultations and that he had received a suggestion for merging the Complementary Presidential Statement (CD/2007/CRP.5*) into CD/2007/L.1** along with a slight adaptation of CD/2007/CRP.5*, but more time would be needed to reach a consensus. Several delegations took the floor in support of the continuation of efforts to find consensus on the Presidential Draft Decision.

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6. At the plenary meeting of 21 August 2007, the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Sergio Duarte, addressed the Conference.

7. On 30 August 2007, the incumbent President, Ambassador Faysal Khabbaz-Hamoui of the Syrian Arab Republic, reported that he conducted a considerable number of consultations which, in addition to the consultations held by Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland, led to the assessment that:

- (a) a wide range of delegations expressed their support for the Presidential Proposal, based on the three annexed documents. Some delegations, though they had some concerns about certain elements in the proposal, they would not oppose consensus on it. Others expressed their position that more work and consultations were needed to reach a consensus on it;
 - (b) the CD has achieved substantive progress by conducting important thematic debates on all agenda items and advancing considerably in its efforts but could not yet reach consensus on a programme of work;
 - (c) a momentum has been created to move the Conference on Disarmament out of its longstanding stalemate, and the efforts to reach an agreement must be continued.
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Annexes

- I. CD/2007/L.1**
- II. CD/2007/CRP.5*
- III. CD/2007/CRP.6

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PRESIDENTIAL DRAFT DECISION

The Conference on Disarmament decides, without prejudice to future work and negotiations on its agenda items,

1. To appoint Ambassador Strømmen as Co-ordinator to preside over substantive discussions on nuclear disarmament and the prevention of nuclear war.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the current session.

2. To appoint Ambassador Trezza as Co-ordinator to preside over negotiations, without any preconditions, on a non-discriminatory and multilateral treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the current session.

3. To appoint Ambassador Meyer as Co-ordinator to preside over substantive discussions dealing with issues related to Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the current session.

4. To appoint Ambassador Paranhos as Co-ordinator to preside over substantive discussions dealing with appropriate international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the current session.

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Complementary Presidential Statement

Following the above decision by the Conference on the appointment of four Co-ordinators for specific issues, there is also an understanding in the Conference that Co-ordinators for the agenda items previously appointed by the 2007 Presidents of the Conference will continue their work, as appropriate and under the authority of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, during the current session.

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**COMPLEMENTARY PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT REFLECTING AN
UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF CD/2007/L.1****

For the implementation of CD/2007/L.1** there is the following understanding of the Conference:

The purpose of CD/2007/L.1** is to provide a basis for organizing the work of the Conference. It does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation, nor any commitment undertaken in any other multilateral fora related to disarmament.

CD/2007/L.1** sets no preconditions for the negotiations under paragraph 2, thus providing all delegations with the opportunity to actively pursue their respective positions and priorities, and to submit proposals on any issue they deem relevant in the course of the negotiations.

CD/2007/L.1** does not prescribe or preclude any outcome(s) for the substantive discussions under paragraphs 1, 3 and 4. It enables future compromise(s) and agreement(s) and does not exclude the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this forum.

CD/2007/L.1**, taken together with a schedule of activities¹, will constitute a programme of work for the 2007 session. It does not prejudice any future decision the Conference might take on its programme of work.

The method of using Co-ordinators to preside over meetings on specific issues is a practical arrangement comparable to a subsidiary body. Co-ordinators appointed by the Conference will work under its guidance, be accountable to it and submit their reports to it for consideration, as would any chair-person of any subsidiary body. All work will be carried out under the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

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¹ Remains to be elaborated.

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Decision by the Conference

The Conference on Disarmament adopts the document CD/2007/L.1**.

For its implementation the Conference will be guided by the Presidential Statement in CD/2007/CRP.5*.



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