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Letter dated 14 June 2017 from the Chair of the Working Group on the "way ahead", addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament

I have the honour to transmit herewith the timetable of the Working Group on the "way ahead" which had been agreed by the member states of the Conference on Disarmament at the Plenary meeting of the CD on 8 June 2017.

I would be grateful if this letter and the attached document could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) Htin Lynn Ambassador Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar





Timetable of the Working Group on the "way ahead"

The Chair of the Working Group on the "way ahead", in consultation with Member States and also with the President of the Conference on Disarmament, and in pursuance of the mandate received by the States Members of the Conference on Disarmament with the adoption of decision CD/2090 on the establishment of a working group on the "way ahead", to take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085, identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community, identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate, consider steps for the way ahead, has scheduled the meetings as follows:

Second Part

(President: Slovakia)

| 01, 06 and 08 June a.m. | Take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085 and identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community. |
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| 14 June p.m 15 and 16 June a.m | Agenda item 3 - Prevention of an arms race in outer space. |
| 20 June p.m 22 and 23 June a.m. | Agenda item 1 and 2 - Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices. |
| (President: South Africa) | |
| 28 and 29 June p.m. – 30 June a.m. | Agenda item 4 - Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. |
| Third Part | |
| 8 August p.m 9 and 10 August a.m. | Agenda item 1 and 2 - Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with general focus on nuclear disarmament |
| 11 August a.m 14 and 15 August p.m. | Agenda items 5, 6 and 7 - New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapon; radiological weapons, Comprehensive programme of disarmament and Transparency in armaments. |
| 16 August p.m 17 August a.m. | Meetings of the working group |
| (President: Spain) | |
| 22 August | Plenary of the Conference on Disarmament (the Chair of the Working Group will submit the final |

report to the Conference through the President in accordance with o.p. 6 and 7 of CD/2090).

All meetings the Working Group shall be chaired by H.E. Mr. H. Lynn, Permanent Representative of Myanmar, Chairman of the working group on the "way ahead". In addition,

- The meetings on Agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices shall be co-facilitated by H.E. Mr. M. Biontino, Permanent Representative of Germany in his capacity as friend of the Chair;
- The meetings on Agenda item 3 shall be co-facilitated by Mr. H. Lagos of Chile in his capacity as friend of the Chair;
- The meetings on Agenda item 4 shall be co-facilitated by H.E. Mr. M. Biontino in his capacity as friend of the Chair;
- The meetings on Agenda items 5, 6 and 7 shall be co-facilitated by H.E. Mr. Y. Ambrazevich, Permanent Representative of Belarus in his capacity as friend of the Chair.