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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2011 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2011 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 24 January to 1 April, 16 May to 1 July and 2 August to 16 September 2011. During this period, the Conference held 45 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 10 informal plenary meetings on its agenda items, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on other matters.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Cuba.¹

5. At the second plenary meeting of the 2011 session on 26 January, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, delivered an important message (CD/PV.1199) in which he, inter alia, reflected on the accomplishments of the Conference as the world's single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, its role and its function, and suggested options that could be explored to break the long-standing deadlock and to start substantive work, including through the adoption by consensus of a programme of work, early in the 2011 session.

6. In addition, upon the joint invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Marius Grinius (Canada) and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Sergei A. Ordzhonikidze, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the United Nations General Assembly (CD/PV.1209); Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of Austria (CD/PV.1209); Ms. Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America (CD/PV.1210); Mr. Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.1210); Mr. Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland (CD/PV.1210); Mr. Juan Manuel Gomez Robledo, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico (CD/PV.1210); Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Aliakbar Salehi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Iurie Leancă, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Kevin Rudd, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Samuel Zbogar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

¹ An agreement was reached at the 1227th plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament that Cuba and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would switch the order in which they served as President.

(CD/PV.1211); Mr. Kasit Piromya, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Dipu Moni, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Min Dong-seok, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1211); Mr. Doru Romulus Costea, State Secretary for Global Affairs of Romania (CD/PV.1212); Mr. Ikuo Yamahana, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1212); Mr. Gazmend Turdiu, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania (CD/PV.1212); Mr. Gregory Vashadze, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (CD/PV.1214); Mr. Abelardo Moreno Fernandez, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba (CD/PV.1234). In addition to the above dignitaries, Mr. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), and Ms. Gioconda Ubeda, Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), addressed the Plenary of the Conference on Disarmament, respectively on 24 May and 16 June 2011 (CD/PV. 1225 and CD/PV.1228).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously expressed support for the Conference, expressed concern about its current situation and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Sergei A. Ordzhonikidze, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (until 30 April 2011); Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (as of 19 May 2011); Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, and Mr. Valère Mantels, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands (the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 41 States not members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Holy See, Iceland, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, Sudan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1903, entitled “Letter dated 25 January 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during 2011 from non-member States”;

(b) CD/1905, entitled “Letter dated 11 February 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/1903 dated 26 January 2011”.

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2011 session

12. At its 1198th plenary meeting on 25 January 2011, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Ambassador Marius Grinius of Canada, was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament, after considering different proposals, adopted its agenda for the 2011 session (CD/PV.1198). The agenda (CD/1902) reads as follows:

“Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2011 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.”

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: “In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration paragraphs 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.”

14. Pursuant to paragraph 53 of the 2010 report of the Conference (CD/1900), the last President of the 2010 session (Cameroon) and the first President of the 2011 session (Canada) conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2011 session of the Conference. These consultations were conducted in cooperation with the five incoming Presidents of the 2011 session (Chile, China, Colombia, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and Cuba).

15. Successive Presidents of the Conference conducted consultations to establish a programme of work, however, the Conference did not reach consensus on a programme of work for the 2011 session.

16. At the plenary meeting on 25 January 2011, the President, Ambassador Marius Grinius of Canada, proposed an indicative timetable for discussion of all agenda items in plenary meetings of the Conference (CD/PV.1198). At the 1207th plenary meeting on 22 February 2011, the President, Ambassador Pedro Oyarce of Chile, circulated an indicative timetable (CD/WP.564) for an exchange of views on all agenda items in plenary meetings of the Conference.

17. At the 1219th plenary meeting on 29 March 2011, under the Presidency of Ambassador Wang Qun of China, the Conference agreed upon a schedule of informal meetings of the Conference on its agenda items (CD/1907). Pursuant to CD/1907, these informal discussions were neither pre-negotiations nor negotiations, and complemented and in no case replaced the Conference on Disarmament’s ongoing activities. The chairs/coordinators were required to report orally, in their personal capacity, on the discussions of the various substantive agenda items to the President who, in conjunction with each of them, would finalize the reports, under his/her own responsibility. The reports would not affect in any way the positions of the members of the Conference on Disarmament.

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

18. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records. Suggestions were made for the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Enlargement (CD/PV.1223).

19. Upon the request of Serbia, the President asked the Secretariat to compile a non-paper containing basic documents of the Conference on Disarmament related to the work of the Special Coordinators on the issue of expansion of the Membership. Such a non-paper was circulated at the 1229th plenary meeting of the Conference.

20. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 25 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta and Serbia.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

21. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

22. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

23. Members of the Conference expressed their views on the high-level meeting held on 24 September 2010 on revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations and on its follow-up debates. They discussed the situation of the Conference on Disarmament and ways to strengthen it in informal plenary meetings held on 9 and 14 June 2011. On 30 June 2011, they had an informal plenary meeting in the presence of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, during which the issue of revitalizing the work of the Conference and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations was discussed by the members of the Conference. During the plenary meeting of 4 August 2011, members of the Conference as well as the Secretary-General of the Conference expressed their views on the debate in the General Assembly meeting held from 27 to 29 July 2011 as the follow-up plenary meeting to the 2010 high-level meeting (CD/PV.1231). The various views and concerns of the delegations on the ongoing situation of impasse for over a decade, due to lack of consensus, are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

24. The following documents dealing with this issue were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1911, dated 21 June 2011, entitled "Letter of 16 June 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the common statement of 29 delegations to the Conference on Disarmament on the high-level meeting follow-up debate in the General Assembly, delivered on 9 June 2011";

(b) CD/1913, dated 30 June 2011, entitled "Letter dated 27 June 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a document entitled 'Thoughts on the

current state of the Conference on Disarmament and how to strengthen it' as a contribution by Colombia, in its national capacity, concerning the way in which it perceived the reflection exercise carried out on this issue at the Conference on 9 and 14 June 2011", in which Colombia, in its national capacity, understood, registered and reflected the debate in the Conference;

(c) CD/1920, dated 7 September 2011, entitled "Letter dated 1 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the letter submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the General Assembly under agenda item 162, on revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations";

(d) CD/1922, dated 13 September 2011, entitled "Nigeria on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Work of the Conference on Disarmament".

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

25. In accordance with rule 42 of the rules of procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference (CD/NGC/45).

26. In line with the decision taken at the 1172nd plenary meeting (CD/PV.1172), to mark the International Women's Day, a statement of the Working Group on Peace of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women related to peace, security and disarmament issues was read by Ms. Adilia Caravaca on behalf of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at the 1214th plenary meeting on 8 March 2011 (CD/PV.1214).

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2011 session

27. During its 2011 session, the Conference held a series of plenary meetings to discuss all substantive agenda items, as follows: (a) from 1 to 17 February — five plenary meetings in accordance with the indicative timetable proposed by Ambassador Marius Grinius of Canada on 25 January 2011; and (b) from 24 February to 17 March — five plenary meetings in accordance with the indicative timetable suggested by Ambassador Pedro Oyarce of Chile (CD/WP.564). In addition, from 29 March to 25 May the Conference held informal meetings on all substantive agenda items in accordance with the schedule contained in document CD/1907, adopted during the Presidency of Ambassador Wan Qun of China.

28. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective position on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the related official documents, as well as the plenary records of the session.

29. On 1 September 2011, pursuant to CD/1907, the President of the Conference on Disarmament, Ambassador Reyes Rodríguez of Cuba, addressed a letter to the Conference transmitting the oral reports of the five coordinators prepared in their personal capacity and finalized by the President under his own responsibility on the work done by these coordinators during the informal meetings (CD/1918).

30. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as appendix I to the present report.² An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2011 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is provided in appendix II.²

31. The Conference had before it a letter dated 17 January 2011 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1901 and Add.1) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session, in 2010, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below:

- 65/43 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)
- 65/44 Prevention of an arms race in outer space (operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8)
- 65/45 Regional disarmament (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)
- 65/56 Nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 15, 16, 19 and 20)
- 65/59 Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (operative paragraph 7)
- 65/65 Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (operative paragraph 1)
- 65/68 Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities (operative paragraph 2)
- 65/72 United action towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (operative paragraph 9)
- 65/80 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)
- 65/81 United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (operative paragraph 5)
- 65/85 Report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)
- 65/86 Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraphs 5 and 9)
- 65/93 Follow-up to the high-level meeting held on 24 September 2010: revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations (operative paragraphs 1 and 4)

² To be issued separately.

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

32. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

33. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1904, dated 2 February 2011, entitled “Letter dated 1 February 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the press statement issued by Pakistan’s National Command Authority dated 14 December 2010”;

(b) CD/1906, dated 14 March 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 9 March 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the Chair’s report of the Australia-Japan experts side event on FMCT definitions, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 14-16 February 2011”;

(c) CD/1908, dated 17 May 2011, entitled “Letter dated 13 May 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the Berlin statement on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issued by the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates on 30 April 2011”;

(d) CD/1909, dated 27 May 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 23 May 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the Chair’s report of the Australia-Japan experts side event on FMCT verification, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 21-23 March 2011”;

(e) CD/1910, dated 9 June 2011, entitled “Bulgaria, Germany, Mexico, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. Working paper. Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT)”;

(f) CD/1914, dated 4 August 2011, entitled “Letter dated 19 July 2011 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of France addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint press release issued at the first meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council in follow-up to the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in Paris on 30 June-1 July 2011”;

(g) CD/1915, dated 4 August 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 3 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the statement on peace and nuclear disarmament issued by the National Assembly of People’s Power of the Republic of Cuba on 28 July 2011 in Havana”;

(h) CD/1916 and Corr.1, dated 15 August 2011 and 19 September 2011 respectively, entitled “Letter dated 8 August 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting an article jointly authored by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of those countries

concerning the twentieth anniversary of the Agreement between Argentina and Brazil for the Exclusively Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy”, creating the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials;

(i) CD/1917, dated 2 September 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 30 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of Mr. Akio Suda, Ambassador of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament and Chair of the ‘Japan-Australia Experts Side Event on FMCT Verification’ held at the Palais des Nations on 30 May and 1 June 2011”;

(j) CD/1919, dated 12 September 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 1 September 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report entitled ‘The 2011 Australia-Japan FMCT Experts Side Events: Chairs’ Final Report, Mr. Peter Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia, and Mr. Akio Suda, Ambassador of Japan”;

(k) CD/1921, dated 13 September 2011, entitled “Letter dated 2 September 2011 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a press release issued by the Department of State of the United States of America regarding the P-5 consultations on a fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT) held in Geneva on 30 August 2011”;

(l) CD/1923, dated 13 September 2011, entitled “Nigeria on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear Disarmament”.

34. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198), two plenary meetings, on agenda item 1 entitled “Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament”, and agenda item 2, entitled “Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters”, were held on 1 and 3 February 2011 (CD/PV.1201 and CD/PV.1202). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, two plenary meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 were held on 24 February and 3 March 2011 (CD/PV.1208 and CD/PV.1213). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda items 1 and 2 were considered in informal plenary meetings on 29 March, and on 17 and 18 May 2011, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Kshenuka Senewiratne of Sri Lanka and Ambassador Giovanni Manfredi of Italy.

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

35. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

36. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1904, dated 2 February 2011, entitled “Letter dated 1 February 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the press statement issued by Pakistan’s National Command Authority dated 14 December 2010”;

(b) CD/1906, dated 14 March 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 9 March 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the Chair’s report of the Australia-Japan experts side event on FMCT definitions, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 14-16 February 2011”;

(c) CD/1908, dated 17 May 2011, entitled “Letter dated 13 May 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the Berlin statement on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issued by the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates on 30 April 2011”;

(d) CD/1909, dated 27 May 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 23 May 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the Chair’s report of the Australia-Japan experts side event on FMCT verification, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 21-23 March 2011”;

(e) CD/1910, dated 9 June 2011, entitled “Bulgaria, Germany, Mexico, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. Working paper. Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT)”;

(f) CD/1914, dated 4 August 2011, entitled “Letter dated 19 July 2011 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of France addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint press release issued at the first meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council in follow-up to the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held in Paris on 30 June-1 July 2011”;

(g) CD/1915, dated 4 August 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 3 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the statement on peace and nuclear disarmament issued by the National Assembly of People’s Power of the Republic of Cuba on 28 July 2011 in Havana”;

(h) CD/1916 and Corr.1, dated 15 August 2011 and 19 September 2011 respectively, entitled “Letter dated 8 August 2011 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting an article jointly authored by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of those countries concerning the twentieth anniversary of the Agreement between Argentina and Brazil for the Exclusively Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy”, creating the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC);

(i) CD/1917, dated 2 September 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 30 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of Mr. Akio Suda, Ambassador of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament and Chair of the ‘Japan-Australia Experts Side Event on FMCT Verification’, held at the Palais des Nations on 30 May and 1 June 2011”;

(j) CD/1919, dated 12 September 2011, entitled “Note verbale dated 1 September 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the Conference on

Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report, entitled “The 2011 Australia-Japan FMCT experts side events: Chairs’ final report, Mr. Peter Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia, and Mr. Akio Suda, Ambassador of Japan”;

(k) CD/1921, dated 13 September 2011, entitled “Letter dated 2 September 2011 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a press release issued by the Department of State of the United States of America regarding the P-5 consultations on a fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT) held in Geneva on 30 August 2011”;

(l) CD/1923, dated 13 September 2011, entitled “Nigeria on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear Disarmament”.

37. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198), two plenary meetings on agenda items 1, entitled “Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament”, and 2, entitled “Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters” were held on 1 and 3 February 2011 (CD/PV.1201 and CD/PV.1202). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, two plenary meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 were held on 24 February and 3 March 2011 (CD/PV.1208 and CD/PV.1213). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda items 1 and 2 were considered in informal plenary meetings on 29 March, and on 17 and 18 May 2011 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Kshenuka Senewiratne of Sri Lanka and Ambassador Giovanni Manfredi of Italy.

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

38. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

39. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/1912, dated 23 August 2011, entitled “Letter dated 21 June 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the summary report on the tenth annual space security conference entitled ‘Space security 2011: building on the past, stepping towards the future’, organized by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, in April 2011”;

(b) CD/1925, dated 13 September 2011, entitled “Nigeria on behalf of member States of G-21. Working paper. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space”.

40. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198), one plenary meeting, on agenda item 3, entitled “Prevention of an arms race in outer space”, was held on 8 February 2011 (CD/PV.1203). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, one plenary meeting, on agenda item 3, was held on 8 March 2011 (CD/PV.1214). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda item 3 was considered in an informal plenary meeting on

31 March 2011 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares of Brazil.

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

41. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

42. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/1924, dated 13 September 2011, entitled “Nigeria on behalf of member States of G 21. Working paper. Negative Security Assurances”.

43. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198), one plenary meeting, on agenda item 4, entitled “Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon-States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons”, was held on 10 February 2011 (CD/PV.1204). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, one plenary meeting on agenda item 4 was held on 10 March 2011 (CD/PV.1215). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda item 4 was considered in an informal plenary meeting on 19 May 2011 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Fodé Seck of Senegal.

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

44. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

45. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198) agenda item 5, entitled “New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons”, was considered in a plenary meeting on 17 February 2011 (CD/PV.1206). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, agenda item 5 was considered in a plenary meeting on 17 March 2011 (CD/PV.1216). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda item 5 was considered in an informal plenary meeting on 25 May 2011 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Mikhail Khvostov of Belarus.

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

46. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

47. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198) agenda item 6, entitled “Comprehensive programme of disarmament” was considered in a plenary meeting on 17 February 2011 (CD/PV.1206). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, agenda

item 6 was considered in a plenary meeting on 17 March 2011 (CD/PV.1216). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda item 6 was considered in an informal plenary meeting on 25 May 2011 under the chairmanship of Ambassador Mikhail Khvostov of Belarus.

G. Transparency in armaments

48. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

49. In accordance with the schedule of meetings suggested by the President of the Conference (CD/PV.1198) agenda item 7, entitled “Transparency in armaments”, was considered in a plenary meeting on 17 February 2011 (CD/PV.1206). In accordance with the indicative timetable CD/WP.564, agenda item 7 was considered in a plenary meeting on 17 March 2011 (CD/PV.1216). In accordance with CD/1907, agenda item 7 was considered in an informal plenary meeting on 25 May 2011, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Mikhail Khvostov of Belarus.

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

50. No documents were submitted on this subject during the 2011 session of the Conference.

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

51. With the growing importance of multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2011 session, and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2012 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

52. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2012 session would be:

First part: 23 January-30 March

Second part: 14 May-29 June

Third part: 30 July-14 September

53. The annual report to the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 15 September 2011, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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