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Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations” was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly decision [67/519](#) of 3 December 2012.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 October 2013, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 89 to 107. From 7 to 11 and on 14 and 16 October, the Committee held a general debate on those items and had an exchange of views with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up to resolutions and decisions adopted at previous sessions (see [A/C.1/68/PV.3-9](#)). The Committee also held 12 meetings, on 17 and 18, from 21 to 25 and from 28 to 30 October, for thematic discussions and panel exchanges with high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament, and with independent experts (see [A/C.1/68/PV.10-21](#)). At the 10th to 25th meetings, on 17 and 18, from 21 to 25 and from 28 to 31 October, and on 1, 4 and 5 November, draft resolutions were introduced and considered (see [A/C.1/68/PV.10-25](#)). The Committee took action on all draft resolutions and decisions at the 22nd to 25th meetings, on 31 October and on 1, 4 and 5 November (see [A/C.1/68/PV.22-25](#)).
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 20 September 2013 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the



First Committee on the allocation of agenda items to the First Committee (A/C.1/68/1).

II. Consideration of draft decision [A/C.1/68/L.24](#)

5. At the 23rd meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Switzerland, on behalf of the Netherlands, South Africa and Switzerland, introduced a draft decision entitled “Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations” (A/C.1/68/L.24).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.1/68/L.24](#) without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly, recalling its resolution [66/66](#) of 2 December 2011, previous resolutions on this matter and its decision [67/519](#) of 3 December 2012, decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled “Revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations”.
