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Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

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Proposal by the Non-Aligned Movement on the agenda*

- (b) The agenda of the fourth special session should include, inter alia:
- ◆ Implementation of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament
 - ◆ The international situation since the first special session, the post-cold-war era and trends at global, regional and subregional levels
 - ◆ Nuclear weapons
 - Nuclear disarmament
 - Nuclear non-proliferation
 - Nuclear-weapon-free zones
 - Security assurances
 - Non-strategic nuclear weapons
 - Nuclear danger
 - Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty/CTBT
 - Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty/FMCT
 - ◆ Other weapons of mass destruction
 - Chemical weapons
 - Biological weapons
 - Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons

* Based on the working paper presented by the Chairman (A/AC.268/2003/WP.3).



- ◆ **Missiles** [removed from agenda item “Related matters of disarmament and international security” to become a stand-alone agenda item]
- ◆ ~~Outer space~~
Prevention of an arms race in outer space [to be a stand-alone agenda item]
- ◆ Conventional weapons
 - The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons
 - Other conventional weapons including any which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects
 - Anti-personnel mines
 - Sophisticated conventional weapons** [to be added as a new sub-item]
 - ~~Conventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional levels~~ [removed from agenda item “Regional disarmament and security”]
 - ~~National legislation on transfers of arms, military equipment and dual use of goods and technology~~
- ◆ Regional disarmament and security
 - Regional disarmament
 - ~~Conventional arms control at the regional and sub-regional levels~~ [to be put under the agenda item “conventional weapons”]
 - Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region** [removed from agenda item “International security”]
 - Maintenance of international security-good neighbourliness, stability and development of Southern Europe** [removed from agenda item “International security”]
- ◆ Verification and compliance, confidence-building measures and transparency in armaments
 - ~~Transparency in armaments~~
 - ~~Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements~~
 - ~~Verification~~
 - ~~Safeguards~~
- ◆ **Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation** [removed from agenda item “International security” to become a stand-alone agenda item]
- ◆ Disarmament machinery
 - First Committee of the General Assembly** [to be added as a new sub-item]
 - Conference on Disarmament
 - United Nations Disarmament Commission
 - Regional centres

Department for Disarmament Affairs
 Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
 Groups of Governmental Experts
 UNIDIR
 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

- ◆ **Relationship between disarmament and development** [removed from agenda item “Other disarmament measures” to become a stand-alone agenda item]
- ◆ **Other measures for the promotion of disarmament measures**
 - ~~— Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security~~ [to be put under the agenda item “Related matters of disarmament and international security”]
 - Disarmament and non-proliferation education
 - ~~— Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control~~ [to be put under the agenda item “Related matters of disarmament and international security”]
 - ~~— Relationship between disarmament and development~~
 - United Nations Disarmament Information Programme
 - ~~Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament~~ [to be put under the agenda item “Related matters of disarmament and international security”]
 - Cooperation with civil society and NGOs
- ◆ **Related matters of disarmament and international security**
 - ~~— Missiles~~
 - Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security** [removed from the agenda item “Other disarmament measures”]
 - Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control** [removed from the agenda item “Other disarmament measures”]
 - Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament** [removed from the agenda item “Other disarmament measures”]
 - Terrorism Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring** weapons of mass destruction
 - Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures
- ◆ **International security**
 - ~~— Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation~~ [to become a stand-alone agenda item]
 - ~~— Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region~~

~~Maintenance of international security good neighbourliness, stability and development of South Eastern Europe~~

- ◆ **Disarmament concepts and terminology** [to be added as a new agenda item]
 - ◆ **An agreed programme of action** [to be added as a new agenda item]
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