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Agenda item 99 (ee)

#### **General and complete disarmament: nuclear disarmament verification**

**Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution**

#### **Nuclear disarmament verification**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament,<sup>1</sup> in particular the paragraphs relevant to verification, and the roles and respective mandates of the disarmament machinery bodies established therein, and the general principles of verification set forth in the United Nations Disarmament Commission principles of verification of 1988,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolutions [71/67](#) of 5 December 2016 and [74/50](#) of 12 December 2019 and its decisions [72/514](#) of 4 December 2017, [73/514](#) of 5 December 2018, [75/516](#) of 7 December 2020, [76/515](#) of 6 December 2021 and [77/514](#) of 7 December 2022,

*Recalling further* that, in its resolution [74/50](#), the Secretary-General was requested to seek the substantive views of Member States and to establish a group of governmental experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues, including, inter alia, the concept of a Group of Scientific and Technical Experts,

*Welcoming* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>3</sup> containing the substantive views of Member States on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts to consider the

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [S-10/2](#).

<sup>2</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-15/3)*, para. 60 (para. 6, sect. I, of the quoted text).

<sup>3</sup> [A/75/126](#).



role of verification in advancing nuclear disarmament,<sup>4</sup> and noting the range of views expressed on the issue of nuclear disarmament verification,

*Reaffirming* the shared commitment to further progress in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, and that all States Members of the United Nations have a stake in achieving and maintaining a world free of nuclear weapons,

*Underlining* that nuclear disarmament verification is an essential element of a nuclear disarmament process and that a credible multilateral verification regime in which all States have confidence will also be essential for achieving and maintaining a world without nuclear weapons,

*Underlining also* that work on nuclear disarmament verification is not an end in itself and is not a prerequisite for progress on nuclear disarmament, and that such work should also aim to promote progress on nuclear disarmament,

*Noting* that there are political, legal, scientific and technical, and institutional aspects to nuclear disarmament verification,

*Recalling* that all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>5</sup> have committed to apply the principles of irreversibility, verifiability and transparency in relation to the implementation of their disarmament obligations under the Treaty,

*Underlining* that equal opportunities for women and men should be provided for in nuclear disarmament verification education, training and capacity-building,

*Underlining also* that, for sustainability of nuclear disarmament verification efforts, it is important to develop expertise in all aspects of nuclear disarmament, including a new generation of experts,

*Noting* the contribution of representatives of civil society from the non-governmental, academic and research communities,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues,<sup>6</sup> mandated in resolution 74/50, and its adoption by consensus;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the substantive views of Member States on the report and to report back to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session;

3. *Invites* Member States, as well as relevant bodies of the United Nations disarmament machinery, in accordance with their respective mandates, to consider the report of the Group of Governmental Experts to further consider nuclear disarmament verification issues;

4. *Encourages* Member States to continue the discussion and work on nuclear disarmament verification issues, and to take appropriate measures to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to enable their full and meaningful engagement in nuclear disarmament efforts, including nuclear disarmament verification;

5. *Welcomes* continued efforts on capacity-building on nuclear disarmament verification, including through regional approaches, as appropriate;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Nuclear disarmament verification”.

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<sup>4</sup> A/74/90.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

<sup>6</sup> A/78/120.