

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ON PART II OF THE 2007 SESSION

1. By the end of part I of the 2007 session a presidential draft decision CD/2007/L.1 (see annex *II* to this report) was on the table. The Presidential assessment of part I of the 2007 session is contained in document CD/1820.
2. During the inter-sessional period between part I and II, and bearing in mind the possibility of convening a special session of the Conference according to the rules of procedure, the incumbent President, Ambassador Sarala Fernando of Sri Lanka, conducted consultations based on CD/2007/L.1, with a view to bringing the conference closer to an agreement on taking up substantive work.
3. At the beginning of part II, on 15 May 2007, the incumbent President announced, that the Presidency would continue consultations with regard to ascertaining the readiness of member States to move forward towards a decision on document CD/2007/L.1.
4. In the plenary meeting of 05 June 2007, the incumbent President, Ambassador Elisabet Borsiin Bonnier of Sweden, assessed that it would be worthwhile to make a serious attempt to address the issues involved in CD/2007/L.1 through a complementary presidential statement. To that end, a number of informal open-ended consultations by the President were held.
5. Based on these open-ended informal consultations with members of the Conference, a "Complementary Presidential Statement Reflecting an Understanding of the Conference on the Implementation of CD/2007/L.1", contained in document CD/2007/CRP.5 (see annex *III* to this report), was submitted to the Conference on 14 June 2007. In response to requests for clarification on the interrelationship between the Complementary Presidential Statement (CD/2007/CRP.5) and document CD/2007/L.1, a Draft Decision by the Conference (see annex *I* to this report) was also proposed.
6. In his message to the Conference on Disarmament of 14 June 2007, the Secretary-General of the United Nations urged the CD to take forward the vital work of the Conference in a spirit of compromise and accommodation. Adoption of the Presidential Draft Decision, supplemented if necessary in such a way as to overcome any reservations, would, in his view, have a positive impact on the international security atmosphere.

7. On 21 June 2007, the President tried to establish whether there were any delegations which, at that point in time, were not in a position to go along with a consensus to begin substantive work on the basis of the three documents taken together (CD/2007/L.1, CD/2007/CRP.5 and the Draft Decision by the Conference). The President concluded that the situation was clear: Some capitals needed more time, which should be given. The documents remained on the table.

8. The seven Co-ordinators on agenda items 1 to 7, as appointed by the P6 and as listed in paragraph 1 of CD/1820, did not preside over further meetings during part II of the 2007 session. Yet, throughout part II, they remained ready to preside over work under the authority of the Conference or the P6 and continued to fulfil their mandate. The seven Co-ordinators continue to stand by in order to work under the authority of the Conference or the P6, if so decided.

9. The above has given ground for the assessment that:

- (a) a momentum has been created to move the Conference on Disarmament out of its longstanding stalemate, based on the three annexed documents;
- (b) a wide range of delegations support the proposal based on the draft mandates contained in CD/2007/L.1 in combination with the other two documents; some delegations, though they have some concerns about certain elements in the proposal, would not oppose consensus on it; others need more time for their capitals to decide whether they could go along with a consensus along these lines;
- (c) there still is valuable time available for the implementation of CD/2007/L.1, if agreed upon, during part III of the current session and that no effort should be spared to adopt a programme of work by consensus.

10. In view of the above, the incumbent President, Ambassador Jürg Streuli of Switzerland, will undertake further consultations during the inter-sessional period between part II and III, based on the three documents contained in annex I, II and III of this report, with a view to reaching an agreement by the Conference early in the first week of Part III of the 2007 session.

Annexes*

- I. Draft Decision by the Conference
- II. CD/2007/L.1
- III. CD/2007/CRP.5

* See attachment reproduced as submitted by the CD Secretariat.

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Decision by the Conference

The Conference on Disarmament adopts the document CD/2007/L.1.

For its implementation the Conference will be guided by the Presidential Statement in CD/2007/CRP.5.

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PRESIDENTIAL DRAFT DECISION

The Conference on Disarmament decides, without prejudice to future work and negotiations on its agenda items,

1. To appoint Ambassador Strømme as Co-ordinator to preside over substantive discussions on nuclear disarmament and the prevention of nuclear war.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the second part of the current session.

2. To appoint Ambassador Trezza as Co-ordinator to preside over negotiations, without any preconditions, on a non-discriminatory and multilateral treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the second part of the current session.

3. To appoint Ambassador Meyer as Co-ordinator to preside over substantive discussions dealing with issues related to Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the second part of the current session.

4. To appoint Ambassador Paranhos as Co-ordinator to preside over substantive discussions dealing with appropriate international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

The Co-ordinator shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work before the conclusion of the second part of the current session.

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Complementary Presidential Statement

Following the above decision by the Conference on the appointment of four Co-ordinators for specific issues, there is also an understanding in the Conference that Co-ordinators for the agenda items previously appointed by the 2007 Presidents of the Conference will continue their work, as appropriate and under the authority of the 2007 Presidents of the Conference, during the second part of the current session.

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COMPLEMENTARY PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT REFLECTING AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CD/2007/L.1

For the implementation of CD/2007/L.1 there is an understanding of the Conference on the following:

The purpose of CD/2007/L.1 is to provide a basis for organizing the work of the Conference. It does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation, nor any commitment undertaken in any other multilateral fora related to disarmament.

CD/2007/L.1 sets no preconditions for the negotiations under paragraph 2, thus providing all delegations with the opportunity to actively pursue their respective positions and priorities, and to submit proposals on any issue they deem relevant in the course of the negotiations.

CD/2007/L.1 does not prescribe or preclude any outcome(s) for the substantive discussions under paragraphs 1, 3 and 4. It enables future compromise(s) and agreement(s) and does not exclude the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this forum.

CD/2007/L.1, taken together with a schedule of activities¹, will constitute a programme of work for the 2007 session. It does not prejudice any future decision the Conference might take on its programme of work.

The method of using Co-ordinators to preside over meetings on specific issues is a practical arrangement comparable to a subsidiary body. Co-ordinators appointed by the Conference will work under its guidance, be accountable to it and submit their reports to it for consideration, as would any chair-person of any subsidiary body. All work will be carried out under the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

¹ remains to be elaborated