

# Conference on Disarmament

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## Final Report of the Working Group on the “Way Ahead”

1. At the 1406<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting on 17 February 2017, the Conference on Disarmament, pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, in support of the President of the Conference on Disarmament, established a working group on the “way ahead” to identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate (CD/2090).
2. The working group on the “way ahead” was chaired by Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar in line with operational paragraph 3 of CD/2090.
3. The working group on the “way ahead” was mandated to:
  - Take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085,
  - Identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community,
  - Identify common ground for a programme of work with a negotiating mandate,
  - Consider steps for the way ahead;
4. The Working Group was open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament and those interested non-member States that the Conference had invited to participate in its work during the 2017.
5. The rules of procedure of the Conference, as contained in CD/8/Rev.9, applied to the work of the Working Group and the sub-Groups, *mutatis mutandis*.
6. The Working Group held meetings on 24 February and on 30 May an organizational meeting.
7. Following intensive consultations by the Chair, Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar, at the 1421<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting of the Conference on Disarmament, the Conference agreed on the timetable of the working group on the “way ahead”. In line with the time table the following meetings took place:

01, 06 and 08 June a.m.	Take stock of the progress on all agenda items of the Conference as contained in CD/2085 and identify issues for substantive work under the agenda, taking into account the efforts and priorities of the international community.
14 June p.m.; 15 and 16 June a.m.	Agenda item 3 - Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

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20 June p.m.; 22 and 23 June a.m.	Agenda item 1 and 2 - Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices.
28 and 29 June p.m.; 30 June a.m.	Agenda item 4 - Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
8 August p.m.; 9 and 10 August a.m.	Agenda item 1 and 2 - Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament and Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, with general focus on nuclear disarmament
11 August a.m.; 14 and 15 August p.m.	Agenda items 5, 6 and 7 - New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons, Comprehensive programme of disarmament and Transparency in armaments.
16 August p.m.; 17 August a.m.; 22 August p.m.; 25 August a.m.	Meetings of the working group.

8. All meetings of the working group on the “way ahead” were chaired by Ambassador Htin Lynn of Myanmar. In addition, the meetings on agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and the meetings of agenda item 4 were co-facilitated by Ambassador Michael Biontino of Germany in his capacity as friend of the Chair; the meetings on agenda item 3 were co-facilitated by Mr. Helmut Lagos of Chile in his capacity as friend of the Chair; and the meetings on agenda items 5, 6 and 7 were co-facilitated by Ambassador Yury Ambrazevich of Belarus in his capacity as friend of the Chair.

9. The reports of the meetings of the working group prepared by the Chair and by the friends of the Chair in their personal capacity and without prejudice to the positions of delegations are issued as:

CD/20XX [Letter] dated [.....] from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a report of the discussions on agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on nuclear disarmament

CD/20XX [Letters] dated [.....] from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a report of the discussions on agenda items 1 and 2 with general focus on the ban of the production of fissile materials for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and a report of the discussions on agenda item 4 on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

CD/20XX [Letter] dated [.....] from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a report of the discussions on agenda items 3;

CD/20XX [Letter] dated [.....] from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a report of the discussions on agenda items 5, 6 and 7.

10. The final report of the working group on the “way ahead” is submitted by the Chair of the working group to the President of the Conference on Disarmament in accordance with operative paragraphs 6 and 7 of decision CD/2090.

Ambassador Htin Lynn  
Myanmar  
Chair of the working group on the “way ahead”

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