
Conference on Disarmament

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Note verbale dated 3 September 2021, addressed to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Belgium, transmitting documents CD/WP.633/Rev.1 and CD/WP.634/Rev.1, circulated on 11 February 2021

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the Office of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies at Geneva, the Conference on Disarmament and the World Trade Organization, presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and would be grateful if it would publish as official documents of the Conference the documents entitled “Revised draft decision on the work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2021” and “Revised draft decision for the implementation of the decision on the work of the Conference on Disarmament in 2021”, with symbols CD/WP.633/Rev.1 and CD/WP.634/Rev.1, circulated on 11 February 2021.

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the Office of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies at Geneva, the Conference on Disarmament and the World Trade Organization takes this opportunity to convey to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.



Annex I

Revised draft decision on the work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2021

[Original: English]

Submitted by the President

The Conference on Disarmament,

Cognizant of its role as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum established by the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-I),

Noting that it provides its Member States with a platform to engage in negotiations, on the basis of the rule of consensus,

In order to ensure substantive work for the Conference which does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation,

Without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Conference and the responsibilities entrusted to the President under the rules of procedure of the Conference on Disarmament, in particular rule 29 for drawing up the programme of work of the Conference,

Recalling rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure which calls on the Conference to establish its programme of work on the basis of its agenda,

Seeking to advance the substantive work of the Conference,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2209, decides:

1. To work in 2021 in accordance with the timetable annexed to this decision.
2. To establish, in accordance with rule 23 of its Rules of Procedure, four Subsidiary Bodies on agenda items 1 to 4, and a fifth Subsidiary Body on agenda items 5, 6 and 7, with a particular focus on substantial elements of legally binding instruments, and additional measures, and options for negotiations.
3. The aim of the Subsidiary Bodies established under this Decision will be to consider and recommend effective measures, including legal instruments for negotiations, in line with the Final Document of SSOD-I. To this end, the Subsidiary Bodies may deepen technical discussions and broaden areas of agreement, including through the participation, in accordance with the rules of procedure, of relevant experts; and reach understandings on areas of commonalities as set out in paragraph 2, taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.
4. The Subsidiary Bodies will be chaired by Coordinators appointed by the Conference, under the guidance of the President on the basis of equitable regional distribution.
5. The Subsidiary Bodies shall meet in accordance with rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, and shall conduct their work in accordance with rule 18, with even allocation of time.
6. In accordance with rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure, the Subsidiary Bodies shall remain open to all Member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those non-Member States that the Conference has invited to participate in its work during the 2021 session.
7. The reports on the progress achieved and agreed on by consensus in Subsidiary Bodies would be submitted by Coordinators to the Conference on Disarmament, through the President, for adoption and due reflection in the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations.
8. This decision applies only to the 2021 session, without prejudice to any subsequent decision at the beginning of future annual sessions of the Conference of Disarmament.

Timetable for the work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2021:

18 January–26 March 2021	Statements in plenary meetings Implementation of arrangements for Subsidiary Bodies The High Level Segment Other organizational questions Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies
10 May–25 June 2021	Statements in plenary meetings Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies Other organizational questions Civil society event
26 July–10 September 2021	Statements in plenary meetings Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies, consideration and adoption of the reports of the Subsidiary Bodies Consideration and adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations

Annex II

Revised draft decision for the implementation of the decision on the work of the Conference on Disarmament in 2021

[Original: English]

Submitted by the President

The Conference on Disarmament, In accordance with rule 23 of its Rules of Procedure, and in pursuance of its decision CD/WP.633,

Building upon the work and the results of the subsidiary bodies established in 2018 in accordance with CD/2119.

Decides:

1. On the basis of equitable geographic distribution, to appoint the following coordinators of the subsidiary bodies:

- Subsidiary body 1: Cessation of the arms race and nuclear disarmament, H.E. Mr. Emilio Rafael IZQUIERDO MIÑO, Ambassador of Ecuador
- Subsidiary body 2: Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, H.E. Mr. Ignacio SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN, Ambassador of Spain
- Subsidiary body 3: Prevention of an arms race in outer space, H.E. Mr. Lazhar SOUALEM, Ambassador of Algeria
- Subsidiary body 4: Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, H.E. Mr. Ichiro OGASAWARA, Ambassador of Japan
- Subsidiary body 5: New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons – Comprehensive programme of disarmament – Transparency in armament, H.E. Mr. Yury AMBRAZEVICH, Ambassador of Belarus.

2. That the subsidiary bodies will meet in accordance with the timetable annexed to this decision.

Timetable for the subsidiary bodies established pursuant to CD/WP.633

Subsidiary body 1	9 March pm; 16 March pm; 23 March pm; 10 June	Cessation of the arms race and nuclear disarmament, on the basis of CD/2138, taking into account previous discussions and documents on this agenda item.
Subsidiary body 2	11 March pm; 18 March pm; 25 March pm; 15 June	Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, on the basis of CD/2139, taking into account previous discussions and documents on this agenda item.

Subsidiary body 3	11 May pm; 18 May pm; 25 May pm; 17 June	Prevention of an arms race in outer space, on the basis of CD/2140, taking into account previous discussions and documents on this agenda item.
Subsidiary body 4	13 May; 20 May pm; 27 May pm; 22 June pm;	Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon-States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, on the basis of the work conducted in 2018 in subsidiary body 4 on negative security assurances, taking into account previous discussions and documents on this agenda item.
Subsidiary body 5	1 June pm; 3 June; 8 June pm; 24 June pm.	New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons – Comprehensive programme of disarmament – Transparency in armament, on the basis of CD/2141, taking into account previous discussions and documents on these agenda items.
