

Conference on Disarmament

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Decision on the Work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2022

(Adopted at the 1606th plenary meeting on 22 February 2022)

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,

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,

Recognizing the longstanding impasse on the commencement of negotiations on any agenda item, and the urgent need to advance the substantive work of the Conference,

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

Conscious of the need to conduct its work in a balanced and comprehensive manner,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2224,

decides:

1. 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, in order to advance the substantive work on all agenda items in a comprehensive and balanced manner, bearing in mind its mandate in accordance with the Final Document of SSOD-I,
2. 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,
3. 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, and shall agree on the specific topics to be considered,
4. 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 2022 session,
5. 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 by consensus and due reflection in the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations,
6. To appoint, on the basis of equitable geographic distribution, the following coordinators of the Subsidiary Bodies:



Subsidiary body 1: Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament, H.E. Mr. Lazhar SOUALEM, Ambassador of Algeria,

Subsidiary body 2: Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, H.E. Mr. Ignacio SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES, Ambassador of Spain,

Subsidiary body 3: Prevention of an arms race in outer space, H.E. Mr. Frank TRESSLER ZAMORANO, Ambassador of Chile,

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. Febrian RUDDYARD, Ambassador of Indonesia,

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, Mr. Aleksandr PYTALEV of Belarus,

7. This decision applies only to the 2022 session, without prejudice to any subsequent decision at the beginning of future annual sessions of the Conference on Disarmament.

Timetable for the Subsidiary Bodies

Subsidiary body 1	Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament	15 March pm; 31 March pm; 31 May pm; 16 June pm
Subsidiary body 2	Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters	17 March pm; 17 May pm; 2 June pm; 21 June pm
Subsidiary body 3	Prevention of an arms race in outer space	22 March pm; 19 May pm; 7 June pm; 23 June pm
Subsidiary body 4	Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons	24 March pm; 24 May pm; 9 June pm; 28 June pm
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	29 March pm; 26 May pm; 14 June pm; 30 June pm
