
Conference on Disarmament

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DRAFT DECISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE 2010 SESSION

PROPOSAL BY THE PRESIDENT

The Conference on Disarmament,

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, nor any commitment undertaken in any other multilateral fora related to disarmament,

In pursuance of its agenda and taking into account the adoption by consensus of CD/1864 establishing the programme of work for the 2009 session of the Conference on Disarmament and the recommendations made to it by the General Assembly of the United Nations,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under subparagraphs (a), (c) and (d) of paragraph 1 below, with a view to enabling future compromise(s) and including the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this *forum*,

Takes the following decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the 2010 session of the Conference on Disarmament:

1. To establish the following working groups:
 - (a) A working group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to exchange views and information on practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to reduce nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their elimination, including on approaches toward potential future work of multilateral character.
 - (b) A working group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" which shall negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, while taking into consideration all other matters related to fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of document CD/1299 of 24 March 1995 and the mandate contained therein.
 - (c) A working group under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to discuss substantively, without limitation, not excluding the possibility of multilateral negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on all issues related to the prevention of an arms race in outer space.
 - (d) A working group under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of

use of nuclear weapons", to discuss substantively, without limitation, with a view to elaborating recommendations dealing with all aspects of this agenda item, not excluding an internationally legally binding instrument.

2. To appoint the following special coordinators:
 - (a) A special coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.
 - (b) A special coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.
 - (c) A special coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments", to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.
3. To determine that:
 - (a) The working groups and special coordinators will take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.
 - (b) The conduct of work and decision-making, including on adoption of reports, under the Conference working groups and special coordinators for the 2010 session will comply with the rules of procedure of the Conference, including, inter alia, paragraph 18 thereof.
 - (c) Rotation and equitable geographic representation will apply to the appointment of chairpersons of the working groups established under paragraph 1 above and of special coordinators under paragraph 2 above.
 - (d) The Conference will aim at ensuring a balanced consideration of all agenda items while recognizing the principle of increased and undiminished security for all.
 - (e) The working groups and special coordinators will present a report on the progress of their work before the end of the 2010 session.
