
Conference on Disarmament

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Draft Decision on a programme of work for the 2013 session

Submitted by the President

The Conference on Disarmament,

Mindful of its continuing importance, relevance, and responsibility as the sole multilateral negotiating body on disarmament, and recalling its past achievements in successfully negotiating arms control and disarmament agreements,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 below, with a view to enabling further compromise(s) and including the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this forum;

In pursuance of its agenda and in accordance with and full respect of its rules of procedure,

Takes the following decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the current session:

1. To establish a working group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", to consider proposals of multilateral character to take forward nuclear disarmament negotiations with the ultimate goal of the elimination of nuclear weapons by progressive and systematic efforts, and, as a first step thereof, to begin substantive work towards a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices on the basis of document CD/1299 and the mandate contained therein.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

2. To establish a working group under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to discuss substantively, without limitation, all issues related to the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

3. To establish 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 covering all aspects of this agenda item, not excluding those related to an internationally legally binding instrument.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

4. To appoint 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.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

5. To appoint 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.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

6. To appoint 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.

The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant view and proposals past, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report before the end of the current session.

Annex

On the implementation of CD/... for the 2013 session of the Conference on Disarmament

The Conference on Disarmament,

To implement its resolution CD/... on a programme of work for the 2013 Session;

Decides as follows:

1. The Working Group established under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" according to paragraph 1 of decision CD/... shall meet for five working days during the weeks commencing 25 February, 4 March, 27 May and 3 June respectively under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio José Vallim Guerreiro, Ambassador of Brazil.
 2. The Working Group established under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" according to paragraph 2 of decision CD/... shall meet for five working days during the weeks commencing 11 March and 10 June respectively under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Ambassador of Kazakhstan.
 3. The Working Group established under agenda item 3 under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" according to paragraph 3 of decision CD shall meet for five working days during the weeks commencing 18 March and 17 June respectively under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Urs Schmidt, Ambassador of Switzerland.
 4. To appoint H.E. Mr Moncef Baati, Ambassador of Tunisia as Special Coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" according to paragraph 4 of decision CD/...
 5. To appoint H.E. Mr. Abdul Hannan, Ambassador of Bangladesh as Special Coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of Disarmament" according to paragraph 5 of decision CD/....
 6. To appoint H.E. Mr. Hellmut Hoffmann, Ambassador of Germany as Special Coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" according to paragraph 6 of decision CD/....
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