

Conference on Disarmament

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Package circulated on 13 February 2020 comprising a draft Presidential Statement on the improved and effective functioning of the Conference; the revised CD/WP.626/Rev. 1 on the draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2020; and the CD/WP.627 on a draft decision for the implementation of the programme of work

I. Draft Presidential Statement on the improved and effective functioning of the Conference

The Conference decides to appoint H.E Mr. Felix Baumann, Ambassador of Switzerland, to hold informal open-ended consultations to determine whether there would be a common ground for addressing issues relating to the improved and effective functioning of the Conference consistent with the rules of procedure, particularly, in accordance with rules 3 and 18.

In discharging its duties, the Ambassador shall hold in no more than 2 informal open-ended consultations meetings with the member states during 2020 session of the Conference.

The Ambassador shall report on its work in his personal capacity to the Conference no later than the final week of the second part of the 2020 session. This report should not be agreed and has no status.



II. Revised draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2020 (CD/WP.626/Rev. 1)

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),

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,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2183,

Seeking to advance the substantive work of the Conference,

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

decides:

20 January 2020 - 27 March 2020

Statements in plenary meetings

Implementation of arrangements for
Subsidiary Bodies

The High Level Segment

Other organizational questions

Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies

25 May 2020 - 10 July 2020

Statements in plenary meetings

Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies

Other organizational questions

Civil society event

03 August 2020 - 18 September
2020

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

1. To establish, in accordance with Paragraph 23 of its rules of procedure, Four Subsidiary Bodies on agenda items 1 (one) to 4 (four), and One on agenda items 5 (five), 6 (six) and 7 (seven), with a particular focus on substantial elements of legally binding instruments and additional measures, and options for negotiations.

2. The aim of the Subsidiary Bodies established under this Decision will be to consider and recommend effective measures, 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 1, taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

3. 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.

4. The Subsidiary Bodies shall meet in accordance with paragraph 24 of the rules of procedure, and shall conduct their work in accordance with paragraph 18 of the rules of procedure, with even allocation of time.

5. 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 2020 session.

6. 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.

7. A subsequent decision of the Conference will implement this decision, including the timetable and the Coordinators of the Subsidiary Bodies.

8. This decision applies for the 2020 session, without prejudice to any subsequent decision at the beginning of future annual sessions of the Conference on Disarmament.

III. Draft decision for the implementation of the programme of work (CD/WP.627)

The Conference on Disarmament, In accordance with Paragraph 23 of its rules of procedure and in pursuance of its decision CD/WP.626/Rev.1,

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 Ms. Dayani MENDIS, Chargée d'Affaires ad interim of Sri Lanka
 - 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 - Emerging and other issues relevant to the substantive work of the Conference could also be considered, in accordance with CD/WP.626/Rev. 1 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.626/Rev.1.

Subsidiary body 1	10 March pm; 2 June pm; 3 June pm; 4 June am and pm; 17 August pm	Cessation of the arms race and nuclear disarmament
Subsidiary body 2	12 March pm; 9 June pm; 10 June pm; 11 June am and pm; 7 August pm	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
Subsidiary body 3	16 March pm; 7 July pm; 8 July pm; 9 July am and pm; 24 August pm	Prevention of an arms race in outer space
Subsidiary body 4	24 March pm; 4 August pm; 5 August pm; 6 August am and pm; 25 August pm	Effective international arrangements to assure nonnuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons
Subsidiary body 5	17 March pm; 29 June am and pm; 30 June pm; 1 July pm; 26 August am	New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons - Comprehensive programme of disarmament - Transparency in armament - Emerging and other issues relevant to the substantive work of the Conference could also be considered, in accordance with CD/ WP.626/Rev.1