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REFERENCE: ODA/37-2016/FMCT

SUBJECT: RES 70/39 “Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices”

Input required – Deadline: 31 May

The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 70/39 entitled “Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive devices”, adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2015.

By operative paragraph 3 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, building on the report contained in document A/68/154 and Add.1, to seek the views of Member States on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts and to submit a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;”

Reference is also made to the informal meeting of the First Committee of the General Assembly held on 3 December 2015 devoted to working methods and the Chair’s summary circulated thereon. Particular attention is drawn to discussions among Member States on the need to ensure the practical value of reports mandated in resolutions and decisions of the Committee. To this end, Member States are kindly encouraged to provide their constructive and focused views on the specific issues outlined in resolution 70/39, also taking into account subsequent developments within the Conference on Disarmament in relation to the conclusions and recommendations contained within the report of the Group of Governmental Experts.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive the views on the issues outlined above from the Governments of the Permanent Missions. In order for the Secretariat to comply with the page-limit requirement for UN documents and to facilitate the timely processing of relevant documentation in all UN official languages, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would greatly appreciate it if the Governments of the Permanent Missions could provide an executive summary of its views in their submissions.

The executive summary should not exceed 400 words. This is a firm limit in order to meet the Secretary-General’s decision to reduce the length of reports by 10 per cent so as to comply with the respective General Assembly resolutions on control and limitation of documentation. Submissions received which exceed 400 words and for which no executive summary is provided can only be processed upon receipt of the executive summary.

The executive summary will be included in the report of the Secretary-General, while the submission *in extenso* will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs **unless an objection is communicated by the Governments of the Permanent Missions.**

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive the views on the issues outlined above from the Governments in **hard copy and electronically, in Microsoft Word format** by 31 May 2016 so as to facilitate the issuance of the report in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. In order for the Secretariat to process the submissions from the Governments, the **electronic version (word format only)** is required. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Natalija Erjavec (nerjavec@unog.ch and unoda-geneva@unog.ch). Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed.

Please note that the Office for Disarmament Affairs will no longer publish the views received from Member States after 9 September 2016 as addenda to the main reports. These views will, instead, be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received, **unless an objection is received from the Member States.** This would allow the issuance of the addenda in a timely manner prior the commencement of the First Committee.

25 February 2016

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