

Decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the 2009 session

(Adopted at the 1139th plenary meeting on 29 May 2009)

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 several proposals tabled since 1999 for the programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 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 current session:

1. To establish 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.

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 on the progress of its work before the end of the current session.

2. To establish 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, on the basis of the document CD/1299 of 24 March 1995 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 dealing with 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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