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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 67/56 entitled “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations”, adopted by the General Assembly on 3 December 2012.

By operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“1. Decides to establish an open-ended working group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons;

2. Also decides that the working group shall convene in Geneva in 2013 for up to fifteen working days, within available timeframes, with the contribution of international organizations and civil society, in accordance with established practice, and shall hold its organizational session as soon as possible.”

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4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, within available resources, the support necessary to convene the working group /.../.”

Against this background, the Secretary-General has the honour to inform that the organisational session of the open-ended working group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations will take place on 14 March 2013 at 15.00 hours in Conference Room XVIII of the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva, and to invite all United Nations Member States and Observers to participate in it.

The composition of delegations to the open-ended working group should be notified as soon as possible to the Secretariat of the group, at the following address:

Secretariat of the open-ended working group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations
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Delegates not based in Geneva who are not accredited to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) should fill out the Conference Registration Form available at the website of the open-ended working group at <http://www.unog.ch/oewg-ndn>. These Conference Registration Forms should be enclosed to the note verbale on the composition of delegations.

The Secretary-General also wishes to remind that all participants who need a visa to enter the Schengen area are recommended to apply for a visa as early as possible before their planned departure. Information on criteria, requirements and the visa application process for Switzerland can be found on: http://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.html.

Further information on the arrangements for the open-ended working group will be communicated to the Permanent Missions by the Secretariat in due course. All information will be available at the website of the open-ended working group.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

15 February 2013

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