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Draft Decision for the establishment of an Informal Working Group

The Conference on Disarmament decides:

1. to establish an informal working group (hereinafter referred to as the Group), pursuant to Rule 23 of its rules of procedure, with a mandate to produce a programme of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation.
2. that the President of the Conference on Disarmament shall chair the group and delegate his responsibility to a co- Chair who shall carry out consultations on his/her behalf. For the 2013 session, the co-Chair and vice-co-Chair shall be Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador of Ecuador and Mr. Peter Richard Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia, respectively.
3. that the Group shall be open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those interested non-member States that the Conference has invited to participate, as observers, in its work during the 2013 session, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036).
4. that, in its work, the Group shall use the rules of procedure of the Conference, *mutatis mutandis*. In particular, the Group shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus, as provided by rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.
5. that the Group shall meet during the remainder of the 2013 session and its timetable shall be established by its Co-chair in consultation with the President. During the intersessional period between the 2013 and 2014 sessions of the Conference, the Co-chair, upon agreement by the outgoing President and incoming President, may convene informal consultations. Such informal consultations shall be open to all members and observers of the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 above.
6. that, should the Group not be able to complete its work during the 2013 session, it may resume its work, taking into account the present decision, if the Member States of the Conference, in accordance with the rules of procedure, so decide in the 2014 session.
7. that the Co-chair shall report to the President of the CD on the progress of the work of the Group on a regular basis and, at the President's request, to the Plenary according to the rules of procedure. The co-Chair will submit to the President the final report on the work of the Group. Taking into account, and pursuant to Rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the President will draw up a programme of work of the Conference for consideration and adoption.