

**Conference on Disarmament  
1993-2001**

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the forty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 1993 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

### A. 1993 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 19 January to 26 March, 10 May to 25 June and 26 July to 3 September 1993. During this period, the Conference held 30 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions set forth their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 10 informal meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on items of its agenda and other matters.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cuba and Egypt also for the recess until the 1994 session of the Conference.

### B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

5. Representatives of the following member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Belgium; Brazil; Bulgaria; Canada; China; Cuba; Egypt; Ethiopia; France; Germany; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Islamic Republic of Iran; Italy; Japan; Kenya; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Myanmar; Netherlands; Nigeria; Pakistan; Peru; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Sri Lanka; Sweden; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Venezuela and Zaire.

### C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1993 Session

6. At the 637th plenary meeting on 21 January 1993, the President read out a statement on the agenda and programme of work for the 1993 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The text of the Presidential statement (CD/1180) reads as follows:

"(1) There is an understanding in the Conference that, at the outset of its 1993 session, the Conference decides to adopt as its agenda the agenda of its 1992 session, while noting that its ongoing consultations on the review of this agenda will be intensified:

1. Nuclear test ban
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters
4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space
5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons
6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons
7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament
8. Transparency in armaments
9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

"(2) The Conference further agrees, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to begin its work immediately on: 'Nuclear Test Ban', 'Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space', 'Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon-States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons' and 'Transparency in Armaments'. For this purpose, the Conference establishes Ad Hoc Committees on these items with the following mandates:

- Nuclear Test Ban: the result of the 1992 consultations conducted by the special coordinator on this item (CD/1179);
- Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space: document CD/1125;
- Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons: document CD/1121;
- Transparency in Armaments: the decision of the Conference on 26 May 1992 (document CD/1150).

"(3) The Conference also recalls its decision to intensify its consultations on its improved and effective functioning, including its decision to carry out consultations on the issues of its membership and agenda. For this purpose, I confirm that I shall appoint two Special Coordinators to conduct consultations on the issues of membership and agenda.

"Lastly, I understand that it is the intention of interested members to continue their ongoing open-ended informal consultations on non-proliferation in all its aspects."

7. In accordance with the Presidential statement, at the 639th plenary meeting on 28 January 1993 the President of the Conference announced that he had decided to appoint, as Special Coordinator for the issue of membership, Ambassador Paul O'Sullivan of Australia, and for the question of the agenda, Ambassador Miguel Marín Bosch of Mexico.

8. On 13 August 1993, the Special Coordinator for the question of the agenda reported to the Conference as follows:

"Bearing in mind the relevant paragraphs of CD/1184 and the imminent expansion of the Conference's composition, it was agreed to continue the consultations regarding the agenda of the Conference during the 1994 session."

D. Attendance and Participation of States not members of the Conference

9. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States non-members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

10. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules of procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in the work of the Conference: Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. The Conference noted the specific requests from some of these non-members.

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

11. The urgency attached to the question of the expansion of its membership was duly recognized by the Conference.

12. Requests for membership had been received, since 1982, from the following non-members, in chronological order: Norway, Finland, Austria, Turkey, Senegal, Bangladesh, Spain, Viet Nam, Ireland, Tunisia, Ecuador, Cameroon, Greece, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Chile, Switzerland, Republic of Korea, Belarus, Ukraine, Croatia, Kuwait, Israel, Slovak Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, South Africa, Colombia, Syrian Arab Republic, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Malaysia.

13. At the 660th plenary meeting of the Conference on 12 August 1993, the Special Coordinator for membership, Ambassador Paul O'Sullivan of

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1994

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the forty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 1994 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

A. 1994 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 25 January to 31 March, 16 May to 1 July and 25 July to 7 September 1994. During this period, the Conference held 27 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions set forth their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held four informal meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on items of its agenda and other matters.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

5. Representatives of the following member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Belgium; Brazil; Bulgaria; Canada; China; Cuba; Egypt; Ethiopia; France; Germany; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Islamic Republic of Iran; Italy; Japan; Kenya; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Myanmar; Netherlands; Nigeria; Pakistan; Peru; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Sri Lanka; Sweden; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Venezuela and Zaire.

C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1994 Session

6. At the 666th plenary meeting on 25 January 1994, the President read out a statement on the agenda and organization of work for the 1994 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The text of the Presidential statement (CD/1239) reads as follows:

"(1) There is an understanding in the Conference that, at the outset of its 1994 session, the Conference decides, pending the conclusion of its consultations on the review of this agenda and without prejudice to their outcome, to adopt as its agenda the agenda of its 1993 session:

1. Nuclear test ban.
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
8. Transparency in armaments.
9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

"(2) The Conference further agrees, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to begin its work immediately on: 'Nuclear test ban', 'Prevention of an arms race in outer space', 'Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons' and 'Transparency in armaments'. For this purpose, the Conference establishes Ad Hoc Committees on these items with the following mandates:

- Nuclear test ban (doc. CD/1238);
- Prevention of an arms race in outer space (doc. CD/1125);
- Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (doc. CD/1121);
- Transparency in armaments (doc. CD/1150).

"(3) The Conference also decides, in the framework of agenda item 2, entitled 'Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament', to appoint, as a first step, a Special Coordinator to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate arrangement to negotiate a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. It further requests the Special Coordinator to report on the progress of his consultations before the end of the first part of the session.

"(4) The Conference also recalls its decision to intensify its consultations on its improved and effective functioning, including its decision to carry out consultations on the issues of its membership and agenda. For this purpose, I confirm that I shall appoint two Special Coordinators to conduct consultations on the issues of membership and agenda respectively."

7. In accordance with the Presidential statement, at the 668th plenary meeting on 1 February 1994, the Conference decided to appoint Ambassador Gerald Shannon of Canada as Special Coordinator to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate arrangement to negotiate a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively

verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. At the same plenary meeting the Conference also decided to appoint Ambassador Lars Norberg of Sweden as Special Coordinator for the issue of review of its agenda.

8. At the 675th plenary meeting on 17 March 1994, the President informed the Conference of the appointment of Ambassador Luiz Felipe Lampreia of Brazil as Friend of the Chair on the question of expansion of the membership of the Conference. The appointment was confirmed by succeeding Presidents.

D. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

9. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

10. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules of procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. The Conference noted the specific requests from some of these non-members.

E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference

11. The urgency attached to the question of the expansion of its membership was duly recognized by the Conference.

12. Requests for membership had been received, since 1982, from the following non-members, in chronological order: Norway, Finland, Austria, Turkey, Senegal, Bangladesh, Spain, Viet. Nam, Ireland, Tunisia, Ecuador, Cameroon, Greece, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Chile, Switzerland, Republic of Korea, Belarus, Ukraine, Croatia, Kuwait, Israel, Slovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, South Africa, Colombia, Syrian Arab Republic, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Malaysia and Costa Rica.

13. The Friend of the Chair conducted numerous consultations with delegations from both member States and countries that have presented their candidacy in order to attempt to overcome the obstacles for a consensual agreement on the expansion of the Conference. Despite intensive efforts to arrive at a solution agreeable to the entire membership of the Conference, it was regrettably not possible to move beyond the situation described in the 1993 report of the Conference to the General Assembly (CD/1222, para. 11-13). Therefore, the Conference agreed to continue to address the question of its expansion and to make every effort to reach a solution by the beginning of

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Mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee  
under Agenda Item 1

"Nuclear Test Ban"

(Adopted at the 666th plenary meeting on 25 January 1994)

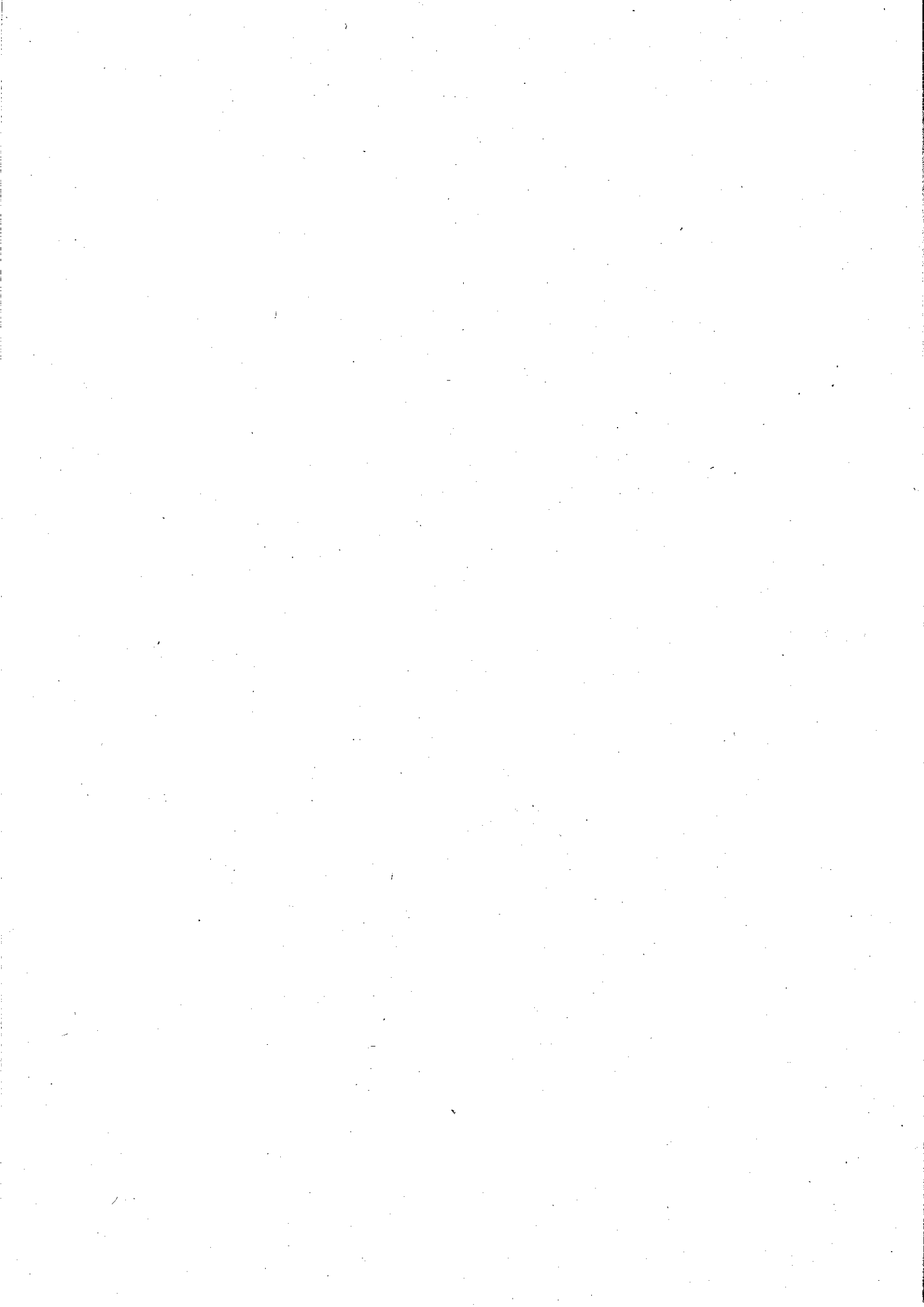
In the exercise of its responsibilities as the sole multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, the Conference on Disarmament decides to re-establish an Ad Hoc Committee under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Nuclear Test Ban", and to give priority to its work.

The Conference directs the Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate intensively a universal and multilaterally and effectively verifiable comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, which would contribute effectively to the prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects, to the process of nuclear disarmament and therefore to the enhancement of international peace and security.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Ad Hoc Committee will take into account all existing proposals and future initiatives, as well as the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Scientific Experts to Consider International Cooperative Measures to Detect and Identify Seismic Events. The Conference requests the Ad Hoc Committee to establish the necessary working groups in order to carry forward effectively this negotiating mandate; these should include at least two working groups, one on verification and one on legal and institutional issues, which should be established in the initial stage of the negotiation, and any others which the Committee may subsequently decide upon.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1994 session.





## I. INTRODUCTION

1995

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the fiftieth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 1995 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

### A. 1995 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 30 January to 7 April, 29 May to 7 July and 31 July to 22 September 1995. During this period, the Conference held 28 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions set forth their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held six informal meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on items of its agenda and other matters.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia and Morocco.

### B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

5. Representatives of the following member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria; Argentina; Australia; Belgium; Brazil; Bulgaria; Canada; China; Cuba; Egypt; Ethiopia; France; Germany; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Islamic Republic of Iran; Italy; Japan; Kenya; Mexico; Mongolia; Morocco; Myanmar; Netherlands; Nigeria; Pakistan; Peru; Poland; Romania; Russian Federation; Sri Lanka; Sweden; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Venezuela and Zaire.

### C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1995 Session

6. At the 695th plenary meeting on 3 February 1995, the President read out a statement on the agenda and organization of work for the 1995 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The text of the Presidential statement (CD/1294) reads as follows:

"(1) There is an understanding in the Conference that, at the outset of its 1995 session, the Conference decides to adopt as its agenda for 1995 the agenda of its 1994 session, pending consideration of the Report, and without prejudice to its outcome, of the Special Coordinator on the review of the agenda to be appointed by the Conference:

1. Nuclear test ban.
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.

4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
8. Transparency in armaments.
9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

"(2) The Conference agrees, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to begin its work immediately on 'Nuclear test ban'. For this purpose, the Conference reestablishes the Ad Hoc

Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban with its 1994 mandate (CD/1238). The Conference will consider the possibility of reestablishing as soon as possible the Ad Hoc Committees on 'Prevention of an arms race in outer space', 'Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons' and 'Transparency in armaments' as well as any other Ad Hoc Committees which may be agreed on following further consultations.

"(3) The Conference also decides, in the framework of agenda item 2 entitled 'Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament', to continue consultations on a mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee on the 'Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices' with a view to its establishment as early as possible. Depending on the outcome of Ambassador Shannon's consultations, the situation will be reviewed and the advisability of appointing a Special Coordinator will be considered.

"(4) The Conference also recalls its decision to intensify its consultations on its improved and effective functioning, including its decision to carry out consultations on the issues of its membership and agenda. For this purpose, I confirm that I shall appoint a Special Coordinator to conduct consultations on the issue of membership, taking into full account General Assembly resolution 49/77 B, and a Special Coordinator on the review of the agenda as mentioned in paragraph 1 above."

7. In accordance with the Presidential statement, at the 695th plenary meeting on 3 February 1995, the Conference decided to request Ambassador Gerald Shannon of Canada to continue consultations on an appropriate mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

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CD/1299

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REPORT OF AMBASSADOR GERALD E. SHANNON OF CANADA ON CONSULTATIONS  
ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENT TO NEGOTIATE A TREATY BANNING  
THE PRODUCTION OF FISSILE MATERIAL FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR  
OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

At the beginning of last year's session, I was tasked with seeking the views of members of the most appropriate arrangement to negotiate a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

As you know, I held numerous consultations, both bilaterally and with groups and reported formally to this plenary on five occasions in 1994. Mid-way through the last session, consensus was reached that the CD was the appropriate forum to negotiate a treaty on this issue. At the end of the session in September, while there was no agreement on a mandate for an ad hoc committee, there was agreement, in principle, that an ad hoc committee be established on this issue as soon as a mandate had been agreed. At that time, the CD asked me to continue consultations on an appropriate mandate for an ad hoc committee in order to enable the convening of this Ad Hoc Committee as soon as possible.

At the beginning of this year's session, the Conference decided to continue consultations on a mandate.

I have since held numerous consultations, and am pleased to report that delegations have agreed that the mandate for such a committee should be based on resolution 48/75L of the United Nations General Assembly, and reads as follows:

1. *The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish an ad hoc committee on a "ban on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices".*
2. *The Conference directs the Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.*
3. *The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1995 session.*

During the course of my consultations, many delegations expressed concerns about a variety of issues relating to fissile material, including the appropriate scope of the Convention. Some delegations expressed the view that this mandate would permit consideration in the Committee only of the future production of fissile material. Other delegations were of the view that the mandate would permit consideration not only of future but also of past production. Still others were of the view that consideration should not only relate to production of fissile material (past or future) but also to other issues, such as the management of such material.

It has been agreed by delegations that the mandate for the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee does not preclude any delegation from raising for consideration in the Ad Hoc Committee any of the above noted issues.

Delegations with strong views were able to join consensus so we could all move forward on this issue. This means that an ad hoc committee on cut-off can be established and negotiations can begin on this important topic. This has for some time been the common objective of all delegations of this Conference.

I have appreciated the productive contribution and support of all delegations in arriving at this result.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the fifty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 1996 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

## II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

### A. 1996 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 22 January to 29 March, 13 May to 28 June and 29 July to 13 September 1996. During this period, the Conference held 30 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions set forth their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held four informal meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on items of its agenda and other matters.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Myanmar, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru and Poland.

### B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

5. In addition to the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela and Zaire, as a result of the decision taken by the Conference at its 739th plenary meeting on 17 June 1996 (see Section II.E below), the representatives of Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Finland, Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe participated as member States in the work of the Conference.

### C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1996 Session

6. At the 721st plenary meeting on 23 January 1996, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 1996 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The agenda (CD/1379) reads as follows:

"The Conference, pending the conclusion of its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, decides to adopt the following agenda for its 1996 session:

1. Nuclear test ban.
2. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.

3. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
4. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
5. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
6. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
7. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
8. Transparency in armaments.
9. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Conference, in accordance with its decision on expansion of membership, contained in document CD/1356, will keep the early implementation of that decision under constant review."

7. At the same plenary meeting, the Conference decided to re-establish the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban (CD/1380).

8. Also, at the same plenary meeting, the Conference appointed Ambassador Hocine Meghlaoui of Algeria as Special Coordinator to consult on the review of the future agenda of the Conference as well as on organizational arrangements to deal with the following issues: the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; prevention of an arms race in outer space; and, transparency in armaments.

9. Furthermore, at the same plenary meeting, the President announced that he intended to conduct intensive consultations with a view to developing a basis for consensus on the issue of nuclear disarmament and to report to the Conference at the earliest opportunity.

D. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

10. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

11. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules of procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Angola, Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus,

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Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1997 Session

6. At the 755th plenary meeting on 14 February 1997, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 1997 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The agenda (CD/1446) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and pending the conclusion of its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 1997 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."



7. After the adoption of the agenda, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of this agenda, I, as the President of the CD, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda".

8. Throughout the session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on the programme of work. However, it was not possible to establish any negotiating mechanism on any of the substantive items on the agenda, nor to establish any other mechanisms, apart from the appointment of the four Special Coordinators mentioned below. Also, during plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations expressed their views on the issue. These are duly reflected in plenary records.

9. The following documents relating to the issue were presented to the Conference:

(a) CD/1450, dated 20 March 1997, submitted by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, entitled "Proposal on The Programme of Work".

(b) CD/1456, dated 15 May 1997, submitted by the delegation of Canada, entitled "Views on the Conference on Disarmament's agenda and programme of work".

(c) CD/1462, dated 5 June 1997, submitted by the Group of 21, entitled "Proposal on the Programme of Work"

10. At the 770th plenary meeting on 26 June 1997, the Conference appointed Ambassador John Campbell of Australia as Special Coordinator to conduct consultations on a possible mandate on the question of anti-personnel landmines under agenda item 6 on the basis of the decision (CD/1466) which reads as follows:

"Without prejudice to, and within the context of, its urgent ongoing efforts to establish a Programme of Work for its 1997 session

and to set up mechanisms, as appropriate, for other agenda items of the Conference, and in order to facilitate these efforts, the Conference on Disarmament decides:

1. To appoint a Special Coordinator to conduct consultations on a possible mandate on the question of anti-personnel landmines under agenda item 6.

2. The Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant proposals and views, present and future.

3. The Special Coordinator shall present an early report to the Conference on Disarmament."

At the same plenary meeting, the Conference appointed Ambassador Harald Kreid of Austria as Special Coordinator on the question of the expansion of its membership, Ambassador Mounir Zahran of Egypt as Special Coordinator on its improved and effective functioning and Ambassador Péter Náray of Hungary as Special Coordinator on the review of its agenda.

D. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

11. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

12. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules of procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Armenia, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,

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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Proposal on  
The Programme of Work

1. The Conference on Disarmament decides, without prejudice to any future decisions on the organizational framework of other items, to establish:
  - I. An Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 4 "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" with the mandate as described in CD/1121.
  - II. An Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 7 to consider means of promoting transparency in armaments.
2. The Conference also decides to appoint a special coordinator to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate arrangement to deal with issues under agenda item 1.
3. The Conference decides further to appoint a special coordinator to seek the views of its members within agenda item 6 on the most appropriate arrangement to deal with the issues on which consensus could be achieved.
4. The special coordinators appointed under paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall present an interim report at the end of May and a final report not later than mid-June 1997 to the Conference.

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CD/1456  
15 May 1997

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CANADA

## Views on the Conference on Disarmament's agenda and programme of work

### Current Debate

With regard to the three issues currently the major focus for debate Canada's position is:

#### Nuclear Weapons

The CD must address nuclear disarmament, it should establish a mechanism for the substantive discussion of nuclear disarmament issues with a view to identifying if and when one or more issues should be the subject of negotiation.

#### Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty

The CD should establish an Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate a ban on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, based on the Shannon Paper and the mandate therein.

#### Anti-Personnel Landmines

Canada does not object to the proposal by Chile, Finland and Poland to appoint a Special Coordinator on Anti-Personnel Landmines.

#### CD Agenda/Work Programme

In putting forward the above current positions, Canada maintains its views on the CD Agenda/Work Programme as set out in its overview paper of January 21, 1997:

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Proposed Work Programme

1. Weapons of Mass Destruction/Nuclear Disarmament
  - Prohibition of the Production of Fissile Material for Nuclear Weapons or Other Nuclear Explosive Devices
  - Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons
2. Conventional Disarmament
  - Transparency in armaments
  - Guidelines for Conventional Arms Transfers
3. Outer Space
  - Legally-binding Instrument to Prevent the Weaponization of Outer Space
4. Consideration and adoption of annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations

# CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

CD/1462  
5 June 1997

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## GROUP OF 21

### Proposal on the Programme of Work

1. The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish:
  - I. An Ad Hoc Committee for agenda item 1 "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament".
  - II. An Ad Hoc Committee for agenda item 3 "Prevention of an arms race in outer space".
  - III. An Ad Hoc Committee for agenda item 4 "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons".
2. The Conference decides to appoint a Special Coordinator to seek the views of its members on agenda item 6 "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" with a special reference to the issue of anti-personnel landmines.
3. The Conference also decides to appoint a Special Coordinator to seek the views of its members on agenda item 7 "Transparency in armaments".
4. The Conference decides further to appoint Special Coordinators to carry out consultations on the issues of its expansion and agenda as well as improved and effective functioning.

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The Group of 21 continues to attach the highest priority to the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Nuclear Disarmament under agenda item 1.

The Group of 21 has presented on 14 March 1996 a proposal for the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, as contained in document CD/1388.

In this context, a specific proposal on a mandate for the Ad Hoc Committee will be presented in the near future.

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Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1998 Session

6. At the 779th plenary meeting on 20 January 1998, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 1998 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The agenda (CD/1484) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and pending the conclusion of its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 1998 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

7. After the adoption of the agenda, the President made the following

statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda".

8. During the first part of the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on the programme of work. Also, during plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations expressed their views on this issue. These are duly reflected in plenary records. At its 791st plenary meeting on 26 March 1998, the President of the Conference made the following Declaration (CD/1500):

"After having identified Agenda Item 1 entitled "Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament" as being of an extremely high priority, and after having used all means of consultations provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the President came to the conclusion that the only way to move forward on substance at this stage would consist in substantially increasing consultations regarding this item, under his authority by using all possibilities, including the assistance of the outgoing and the incoming Presidents, with a view to reaching consensus on how to deal with this item.

The Presidency is thus willing to consider henceforth Agenda Item 1 as its first priority, to vigorously continue its efforts in this respect and to present early and regular reports on these consultations throughout the session, including before the end of the second part of the 1998 session."

Following this Declaration, the Conference adopted Decision CD/1501, which reads as follows:

"The Conference takes the following decisions:

1. That the Presidency, taking into account the statement (CD/1500), made by the President at the 791st plenary meeting on 26 March 1998, shall



pursue intensive consultations and seek the views of its Members on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", taking into consideration all proposals and views on this item.

2. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 1998 session, an ad hoc committee 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 negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These arrangements could take the form of an internationally legally binding instrument.

The ad hoc committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1998 session.

3. The Conference appoints a Special Coordinator under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

4. The Conference appoints 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 the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, inter alia, developments outside the Conference.

5. The Conference appoints 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.

6. In implementing these decisions, the Presidency and the Special Coordinators shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future.

7. The Conference requests the Presidency and the Special Coordinators to present early and regular reports on the outcome of their consultations throughout the session, including before the end of the second part of its 1998 session.

8. The Conference also decides to appoint Special Coordinators on the Review of its Agenda, the Expansion of its Membership and its Improved and Effective Functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of the 1998 session.

9. The taking of these decisions contained in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 does not prejudice the positions of delegations on the eventual establishment of subsidiary bodies on the issues identified, but reflects agreement to advance the Conference's work with a view to reaching consensus. This decision is also taken without prejudice to the rights of Members of the Conference to move forward with positions and proposals already made or to be put forward in the future."

9. At the 792nd plenary meeting on 14 May 1998, the Conference appointed Ambassador Antonio de Icaza of Mexico as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons, Ambassador John Campbell of Australia as Special Coordinator on Anti-Personnel Landmines, Ambassador H.M.G.S. Palihakkara of Sri Lanka as Special Coordinator on Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, Mr. Pavel Grecu of Romania as Special Coordinator on Transparency in Armaments, Ambassador Javier Illanes of Chile as Special Coordinator on Improved and Effective Functioning of the Conference, Ambassador Péter Náray of Hungary as Special Coordinator on Review of the Agenda of the Conference, and Ambassador Erwin Hofer of Switzerland as Special Coordinator on

Expansion of the Membership of the Conference.

10. At the 802nd plenary meeting on 11 August 1998, the Conference adopted the decision on the establishment of an ad hoc committee under item 1 of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" (CD/1547), which reads as follows:

"The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1998 session."

Following the adoption of this decision, the President made the following statement (CD/1548):

"In connection with the decision we have just taken, I should like, in my capacity as President of the Conference, to state that the adoption of this decision is without prejudice to any further decisions on the establishment of further subsidiary bodies under agenda item 1 which may result from the provisions of paragraph 1 of decision CD/1501, and that the presidency will continue to pursue intensive consultations and to seek the views of the members of the Conference on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", taking into consideration all proposals and views in this respect."

11. At the 804th plenary meeting on 20 August 1998, the Conference appointed Ambassador Mark Moher of Canada as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee under item

1 of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament".

D. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

12. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

13. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 47 States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules of procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovenia, Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen and Zambia.

E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference

14. The importance attached to the question of the expansion of its membership was duly recognized by the Conference and is reflected in the statements made by delegations in plenary meetings.

15. Requests for membership had been received, since 1982, from the following non-members, in chronological order: Ireland, Tunisia, Ecuador, Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Malaysia, Costa Rica, Denmark, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia and Thailand.

# CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

CD/1547

11 August 1998

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## DECISION

on the establishment of an ad hoc committee under item 1  
of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms  
race and nuclear disarmament"

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1998 session.

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the Conference. As a result of the decision taken by the Conference at its 831st Plenary meeting on 5 August 1999 (see Section II.E below), the representatives of Ecuador, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Malaysia and Tunisia participated as Member States in the work of the Conference from that date.

C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 1999 Session

6. At the 809th plenary meeting on 21 January 1999, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 1999 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The agenda (CD/1562) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and pending the conclusion of its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 1999 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

7. After the adoption of the agenda, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda".

8. In regard to the Programme of Work, the Conference had before it the following official documents:

(a) CD/1566, dated 2 February 1999, entitled "Proposal by the President on the programme of work for the 1999 session of the CD";

(b) CD/1570, dated 4 February 1999, entitled "Proposal on the programme of work", submitted by the Group of 21;

(c) CD/1575, dated 10 March 1999, entitled "Proposal by the President on the programme of work for the 1999 session of the CD";

(d) CD/1586, dated 20 May 1999, entitled "Working paper on the programme of work of the Conference", submitted by the delegations of France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

9. During the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on the programme of work. These were inconclusive. The Conference did not re-establish or establish any mechanism on any of its specific agenda items during the 1999 session.

10. Also, during plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations expressed their views on this issue. These are duly reflected in plenary records.

D. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

11. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

12. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 47 States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules

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CD/1566

2 February 1999

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Proposal by the President  
on the programme of work for the 1999 session of the CD

The Conference on Disarmament takes the following decisions:

1. To re-establish, for the duration of its 1999 session, the Ad hoc Committee 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 negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These arrangements could take the form of an internationally legally binding instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

2. To re-establish, for the duration of its 1999 session, the Ad hoc Committee under item 1 of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

3. That the Presidency, taking into account the statement (CD/1500) made by the President of the Conference at the 791st plenary meeting on 26 March 1998, and the statement (CD/1548) made by the President at the 802nd plenary meeting on 11 August 1998, shall continue to pursue intensive consultations and to seek the views of its Members on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", taking into consideration all proposals and views in this respect, and present early and regular reports on the outcome of these consultations, including at the end of each Presidency.

4. To re-appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

5. To re-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 the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, inter alia, developments outside the Conference.



6. To re-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.

7. In implementing these decisions, the Special Coordinators shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future, and present early and regular reports on the outcome of their consultations throughout the session.

8. The taking of these decisions contained in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 does not prejudice the positions of delegations on, or the eventual establishment of, further subsidiary bodies on the issues identified, but reflects agreement to advance the Conference's work with a view to reaching consensus. This decision is also taken without prejudice to the rights of Members of the Conference to move forward with positions and proposals already made or to be put forward in the future.

9. The Conference also decides to re-appoint Special Coordinators on the Review of its Agenda, the Expansion of its Membership and its Improved and Effective Functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of its 1999 session.

# CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

CD/1570

4 February 1999

Original: ENGLISH

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## GROUP OF 21

### Proposal on the programme of work

1. The Conference takes the following decisions:
  - i. The Conference establishes an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament<sup>1</sup> under agenda item 1 "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament".
  - ii. The Conference establishes, under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.
  - iii. The Conference establishes an ad hoc committee under agenda item 3 "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to negotiate specific and concrete measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space.
  - iv. The Conference establishes an ad hoc committee for agenda item 4 "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These arrangements could take the form of an internationally legally-binding instrument. The ad hoc committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate (CD/1501).

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<sup>1</sup>The Group of 21 continues to attach the highest priority to the establishment of an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament under agenda item 1.

The President of the Conference on Disarmament stated at the 811<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting on 28 January 1999 that he shall try to identify a Special Coordinator in accordance with paragraph 5(d) of document CD/1036 to assist in carrying out consultations with a view to reaching consensus, on the establishment of an ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament or its mandate.

A specific proposal on a mandate for the ad hoc committee is being considered by the Group of 21 for presentation.

- The ad hoc committees shall present reports to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of their work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.
2. The Conference appoints 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 the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, *inter alia*, developments outside the Conference.
  3. The Conference appoints 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.
  4. In implementing these decisions the Special Coordinators shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future.
  5. The Conference requests the Special Coordinators to present early and regular reports on the outcome of their consultations throughout the session, including before the end of the second part of its 1999 session.
  6. The Conference also decides to appoint Special Coordinators on the review of its agenda, the expansion of its membership and its improved and effective functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of the 1999 session.
  7. The taking of these decisions contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 does not prejudice the positions of delegations on the eventual establishment of subsidiary bodies on the issues identified, but reflects agreement to advance the conference's work with a view to reaching consensus. This decision is also taken without prejudice to the rights of members of the Conference to move forward with positions and proposals already made or to be put forward in the future.

# CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

CD/1575  
10 March 1999

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## Proposal by the President on the programme of work for the 1999 session of the CD

The Conference on Disarmament takes the following decisions:

1. To re-establish, for the duration of its 1999 session, the Ad hoc Committee 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 negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These arrangements could take the form of an internationally legally binding instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

2. To re-establish, for the duration of its 1999 session, the Ad hoc Committee under item 1 of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

3. To establish, under item 1 of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an Ad Hoc Working Group to exchange information and views on endeavours towards nuclear disarmament with a view to identifying measures that could be subject of negotiations in the Conference.

In discharging its functions, the Ad Hoc Working Group will take into account current efforts and existing proposals and views, as well as proposals that may emerge from the study and discussion.

The Ad Hoc Working Group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

4. To re-appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to continue to seek the views of its Members with a view to developing consensus on a mandate for an Ad Hoc Committee on this item.

5. To re-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 the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, inter alia, developments outside the Conference.

6. To re-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.

7. In implementing these decisions, the Special Coordinators shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future, and present early and regular reports on the outcome of their consultations throughout the session and final reports before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

8. The taking of these decisions contained in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 does not prejudice the positions of delegations on, or the eventual establishment of, further subsidiary bodies on the issues identified, but reflects agreement to advance the Conference's work with a view to reaching consensus. This decision is also taken without prejudice to the rights of Members of the Conference to move forward with positions and proposals already made or to be put forward in the future.

9. The Conference also decides to re-appoint Special Coordinators on the Review of its Agenda, the Expansion of its Membership and its Improved and Effective Functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of its 1999 session.

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# CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

CD/1586

20 May 1999

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FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Working paper  
on the programme of work of the Conference

A. DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION

After having identified agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament" as being of an extremely high priority, and in the light of the intensive consultations on this item held by successive Presidents in the course of 1998 following the President's Declaration made on 26 March 1998 (CD/1500), the President concluded that it was essential substantially to intensify such consultations under his authority by using all possibilities, including the assistance of the outgoing and the incoming Presidents, in a strengthened, more structured and more transparent way, with a view to reaching consensus on how to deal with this item, taking into account current efforts and all existing proposals and views.

The Presidency is thus willing to continue to consider agenda item 1 as its first priority and substantially to intensify its vigorous efforts in this respect, including:

- a) by consulting on ways and means of establishing an exchange of information and views within the Conference on endeavours towards nuclear disarmament;
- b) by holding informal open-ended consultations at least once during each Presidency;
- c) by consulting with delegations, including those which have made proposals in respect of agenda item 1, during each Presidency;
- d) and by presenting interim reports on these consultations at the end of each Presidency and a final report before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

B. DRAFT DECISION ON THE WORK PROGRAMME

The Conference on Disarmament takes the following decisions:

1. To re-establish, for the duration of the 1999 session, the Ad Hoc Committee 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 negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These agreements could take the form of an internationally legally-binding instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

2. To re-establish, under item 1 of the agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", the Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall immediately commence negotiations with a view to their early conclusion; it shall meet in successive sessions of the Conference until its work is completed, without the need for annual reauthorization. The Committee shall submit periodic reports to the Conference, including an interim report at the end of each session and a final report transmitting the text of the draft treaty.

3. That the Presidency, taking into account the statement (CD/....) made by the President at the .... plenary meeting on .... 1999, shall substantially intensify consultations and seek the views of its Members on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", taking into consideration all proposals and views on this item, and report at the end of each Presidency including a final report before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

4. To re-appoint a Special Coordinator under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

5. To re-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 the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, *inter alia*, developments outside the Conference.

6. To re-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.

7. In implementing these decisions, the Special Coordinators shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future, and present early and regular reports on the outcome of their consultations throughout the session.

8. The taking of these decisions contained in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 does not prejudice the positions of delegations on, or the eventual establishment of, further subsidiary bodies on the issues identified, but reflects agreement to advance the Conference's work with a view to reaching consensus. This decision is also taken without prejudice to the rights of Members of the Conference to move forward with positions and proposals already made or to be put forward in the future.

9. The Conference also decides to re-appoint Special Coordinators on the Review of its Agenda, the Expansion of its Membership and its Improved and Effective Functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of the 1999 session.

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C. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 2000 Session

6. At the 837th plenary meeting on 18 January 2000, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 2000 session in conformity with the rules of procedure. The agenda (CD/1603) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and pending the conclusion of its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2000 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

7. After the adoption of the agenda, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda".



8. During the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on the programme of work. Their proposals, either formal or informal, were considered during those consultations. The Conference did not, however, agree on the programme of work and did not re-establish or establish any mechanism on any of its specific agenda items during the 2000 session.

9. In addition to the official documents listed below, some informal proposals related to the programme of work were also put forward by the Presidents of the Conference on Disarmament.

10. The Conference had before it the following official documents:

(a) CD/1620, dated 29 June 2000, entitled "Proposal by the President on the Programme of Work for the 2000 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(b) CD/1624, dated 24 August 2000, entitled "Proposal by the President on the Programme of Work for the 2000 session of the Conference on Disarmament".

11. Also, during plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations and groups of delegations expressed their views on this issue. These are duly reflected in plenary records.

D. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

12. In conformity with rule 32 of the rules of procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed under the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

13. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 41 States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the rules of procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Holy See, Iceland, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, San

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**Proposal by the President**  
**on the Programme of Work for the 2000 session of the Conference on Disarmament**

1. **Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, under agenda item 1, an Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

2. **Nuclear disarmament**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, under agenda item 1, an Ad Hoc Committee/Ad Hoc Working Group to deal with nuclear disarmament, through an exchange of information and views on practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to attain this objective.

3. **Prevention of an arms race in outer space**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, under agenda item 3, an Ad Hoc Committee/Ad Hoc Working Group to examine and identify specific topics or proposals that might be a basis for subsequent in-depth consideration, which could include confidence-building or transparency measures, general principles, treaty commitments and the elaboration of a regime capable of preventing an arms race in outer space.

4. **Negative Security Assurances**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, under agenda item 4, an Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. **Anti-personnel landmines**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to appoint a Special Coordinator, under agenda item 6, to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, *inter alia*, developments outside the Conference.

6. **Transparency in armaments**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to appoint a Special Coordinator, under agenda item 7, to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

7. **Conference on Disarmament**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to appoint Special Coordinators on the review of its agenda, the expansion of its membership and its improved and effective functioning.

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**Proposal by the President**  
**on the Programme of Work for the 2000 session of the Conference on Disarmament**

Draft decision

The Conference takes the following decisions:

1. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2000 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to deal with nuclear disarmament. The Ad Hoc Committee shall exchange information and views on practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to attain this objective.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2000 session.

2. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2000 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2000 session.

3. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2000 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 3 entitled "prevention of an arms race in outer space" to deal with the prevention of an arms race in outer space. The Ad Hoc Committee shall examine and identify specific topics or proposals, which could include confidence-building or transparency measures, general principles, treaty commitments and the elaboration of a regime capable of preventing an arms race in outer space.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2000 session.

4. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2000 session, an Ad Hoc Committee 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 negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These arrangements could take the form of an internationally legally binding instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2000 session.

5. The Conference appoints 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 the questions related to anti-personnel landmines taking into account, inter alia, developments outside the Conference.

6. The Conference appoints 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.

7. In implementing these decisions, the Special Coordinators shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future.

8. The Conference requests the Special Coordinators to present early and regular reports on the outcome of their consultations throughout the session, including before the end of the 2000 session.

9. The Conference also decides to appoint Special Coordinators on the Review of its Agenda, the Expansion of its Membership and its Improved and Effective Functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of the 2000 session.

10. The taking of these decisions contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 does not prejudice the positions of delegations on the eventual establishment of subsidiary bodies on the issues identified, but reflects agreement to advance the Conference's work with a view to reaching consensus. This decision is also taken without prejudice to the rights of Members of the Conference to move forward with positions and proposals already made or to be put forward in the future.

Draft Presidential declaration

In connection with the decision we have just taken on the Programme of Work, I should like, in my capacity as President of the Conference, to stress that the Conference on Disarmament is a disarmament negotiating forum, as stated in Rule of Procedure nr. 1, and that, therefore, the mandates of, and the work to be pursued by, the subsidiary bodies set up by that decision are to be understood under that light. It is also understood that progress in the work of the Conference on Disarmament will continue to be influenced by and responsive to developments in the international strategic scene which affect the security interests of its individual member States.

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### C. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

7. In conformity with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, the States not members of the Conference listed in the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

8. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 41 States not members of the Conference. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-Member States to participate in its work: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, the Holy See, Iceland, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Nepal, Panama, the Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uruguay and Zambia.

### D. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 2001 Session

9. At its 862nd plenary meeting on 23 January 2001, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 2001 session in conformity with the Rules of Procedure. The agenda (CD/1635) reads as follows:

“Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2001 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.”

10. In connection with the adoption of the agenda, the President made the following statement: “It is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda.”

11. During the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on the programme of

work. In the course of these consultations, the Presidents put forward some informal proposals related to the programme of work. The Conference did not, however, agree on the programme of work and did not re-establish or establish any mechanism on any of its specific agenda items during the 2001 session.

12. At its 877th plenary meeting on 14 June 2001, the Conference adopted Decision CD/1646, which reads as follows:

“The Conference on Disarmament, reaffirming its commitment to work intensively towards the approval of a programme of work, using the Amorim Proposal, as contained in document CD/1624, as a basis for further intensified consultations and taking into consideration all relevant proposals:

Decides to appoint Special Coordinators on the Review of its Agenda, the Expansion of its Membership and its Improved and Effective Functioning. These Special Coordinators, in discharging their duties and functions, will take into account all proposals and views, as well as future initiatives. The Conference requests these Special Coordinators to report to it before the conclusion of the 2001 session.”

13. At its 878th plenary meeting on 21 June 2001, the Conference appointed Ambassador Günther Seibert of Germany as Special Coordinator on Review of the Agenda of the Conference, Ambassador Petko Draganov of Bulgaria as Special Coordinator on Expansion of the Membership of the Conference, and Ambassador Prasad Kariyawasam of Sri Lanka as Special Coordinator on Improved and Effective Functioning of the Conference.

14. With regard to the programme of work, the Conference had before it the following official document: CD/1644, dated 30 May 2001, entitled “Letter dated 29 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Russian proposals concerning the programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament”.

15. Also, during plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations and groups of delegations expressed their views on this issue. These are duly reflected in the plenary records.

#### **E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference**

16. The importance of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings.

17. Requests for membership had been received, since 1982, from the following 22 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan and Estonia.

18. In discharging his mandate, the Special Coordinator on Expansion of the Membership of the Conference, Ambassador Petko Draganov of Bulgaria, held bilateral consultations with a number of members and participating non-members of the Conference, and a report was presented on his behalf at the 885th plenary meeting on 30 August 2001 (CD/PV.885).

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## **LETTER DATED 29 MAY 2001 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE RUSSIAN PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT**

The Russian delegation shares the concerns of other delegations in the Conference on Disarmament regarding the current situation in this unique multilateral negotiating forum in the field of disarmament. We have carefully studied all the proposals relating to the Conference's programme of work which have been submitted since 1998, the last time the programme of work was adopted, and we highly appreciate the constructive ideas which they contain.

The Russian Federation would like to make its own contribution to these joint efforts by introducing a package proposal on the programme of work relating to the two outstanding issues, namely, nuclear disarmament and the prevention of an arms race in outer space (PAROS). We are proceeding on the assumption that the consensus on the third priority issue - the launching of substantive work in the Conference on FMCT - still exists.

After thorough consideration, we have decided to support the ideas of a large number of delegations in the Conference and to agree on the establishment of an ad hoc committee to deal with nuclear disarmament. The package also makes provision for the establishment at the same time of an ad hoc committee on PAROS, with a negotiating mandate.

In our view, the Russian proposal is constructive and not detrimental to the positions of any delegation. The wording used in both draft mandates is taken from documents that have been adopted by consensus at various international conferences held in the past.

The Russian delegation has already had an opportunity to discuss this proposal unofficially with many colleagues in the Conference. We are especially grateful to those of them who provided comments and suggestions relating to the draft mandates. We made every effort to take these into consideration in the final version of our proposal.



The Russian delegation hereby requests you, Mr. President, to take the necessary steps to have this letter and the attached proposal on the Conference's programme of work issued as an official document of the Conference and to distribute it to all member States and observers of the Conference on Disarmament. Permit me to express the hope that the Russian proposal will be considered by all delegations in a spirit of good will and will contribute to restarting the work of the Conference.

(Signed): Vasily SIDOROV  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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### **Nuclear disarmament**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, for the duration of the 2001 session, under item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an Ad Hoc Committee to deal with nuclear disarmament.

The Ad Hoc Committee will take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2001 session.

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### **Prevention of an arms race in outer space**

The Conference on Disarmament decides to establish, for the duration of the 2001 session, under item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space", an Ad Hoc Committee to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on a regime capable of preventing an arms race in outer space. This regime could take the form of an internationally legally binding instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee will take into consideration all relevant views and proposals present and future and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee will report to the Conference on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2001 session.

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