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Machinery

Proposal by the United Kingdom

Paragraph 8:

"The General Assembly reaffirms the continuing requirement for a single multilateral negotiating forum of limited size and taking decisions on disarmament questions on the basis of consensus: and to this end:

- (i) endorses the agreement which has been reached on the composition of a Disarmament Negotiating Committee comprising: /list of Member States/;
- (ii) welcomes the decision taken by the above-mentioned States that the Disarmament Negotiating Committee should:
 - (a) take its decisions by consensus
 - (b) adopt its own rules of procedure which shall be its only rules of procedure
 - (c) request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint following consultations with the Committee, an Executive Secretary for the Committee as his personal special representative whose functions shall be to organize the business and time-tables of the Committee, and to assist and advise the current Chairman
 - (d) provide for a system of rotation, among all the members of the Committee, of the chairmanship of its meetings
 - (e) adopt its own agenda taking note of recommendations made to it by the General Assembly and by the Executive Secretary
 - (f) review prior to the second special session on disarmament its composition

- (g) submit report to the General Assembly annually, or more frequently as necessary, and provide copies of its formal and other appropriate documents to all the Member States of the United Nations
 - (h) make arrangements to invite interested States, not members of the Committee, to submit to the Committee written proposals or working documents on measures of disarmament which are the subject of negotiation in the Committee and to participate, where appropriate, in the plenary sessions of the Committee as well as in the proceedings of appropriate working bodies when the subject matter of such proposals or working documents is examined
 - (i) invite States not members of the Committee, upon their request, to express views in the Committee when the particular concerns of those States are under discussion.
- (iii) welcomes the intention of the Member States of the CCD to disband that Committee upon the formulation of the Disarmament Negotiating Committee."
