

United States Statement
Thematic Discussion on Cluster 7- Disarmament Machinery
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Chair, during this 80th anniversary year, the United States has prioritized peace and the UN's important role in convening sovereign nations to resolve differences and achieve the UN's chief mandate – which is the maintenance of international peace and security.

The goal of ensuring that the UN is more effective, efficient, and fit for purpose extends to the disarmament machinery. We need more action and results and less talk and bureaucracy.

The United States has approached all resolution drafters to request consideration of shifting from annual to biennial or three-year schedules. We recognize the importance of many issues in these resolutions and believe that reducing the frequency of resolutions in no way diminishes their importance.

Colleagues, more than 50 of the 63 resolutions and decisions we are considering this year run annually. Dozens change only by a document number and date. They cost time and money in translation and document handling, and many request repeated Secretary-General reports, to which few States submit contributions, as the Deputy Under Secretary General for Disarmament Affairs reminded us.

We all can do better to prioritize our work and thank those delegations that already have incorporated longer timelines into their resolutions or committed to doing so starting next year.

Chair,

We endorse the joint working paper by France and Germany and submitted to the Committee as food for thought. I believe we can all agree the shortening of statements this year did not affect substance and instead resulted in plainer speaking and better understanding of positions. The reduced number of side events prevented competition for audience members.

Regarding the UN80 process and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, the United States supports restructuring to improve operational efficiency, optimize the use of resources, streamline decision-making processes, and ensure greater transparency. This could include aligning the organizational structure with modern disarmament challenges while maintaining its focus on arms control, risk reduction, and nonproliferation priorities. Increasing the use of performance metrics should also be considered to evaluate effectiveness, reduce duplication, and prioritize funding for programs that deliver measurable results in advancing global peace and security.

Thank you, Chair.