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"Statement – Working Methods of the United Nations Disarmament Commission (UNDC)

Statement by the Argentine Republic

Mr. Chair,

My delegation wishes to share a number of practical proposals aimed at strengthening the efficiency, relevance, and results-oriented nature of the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

- **Reduction of the working cycle:** We believe that the current three-year cycle could be streamlined into a two-year cycle. This would allow the Commission to adapt more swiftly to the evolving dynamics of the international context, without undermining the depth of substantive deliberations.
- **Optimization of session duration:** In the same vein, we see merit in reducing the duration of annual sessions from three weeks to two, accompanied by a more efficient and disciplined use of time, including improved structuring of debates and an earlier focus on the drafting of recommendations.
- **Mid-term reports by Working Group Chairs:** We further propose that Chairs of the Working Groups prepare mid-term reports reflecting progress achieved, identifying areas of convergence, and highlighting key points of divergence. This practice would help ensure continuity in deliberations and prevent each session from restarting discussions from scratch, thus fostering a more cumulative and efficient process.
- **Avoiding repetition of non-successful items:** In order to preserve the credibility and effectiveness of the Commission, we suggest that topics or working groups that fail to produce recommendations within a given cycle should not be automatically reintroduced in the subsequent cycle. This would encourage a more results-oriented approach and avoid the repetition of dynamics that do not lead to tangible progress.
- **Participation of stakeholders:** We consider it timely to explore appropriate modalities for stakeholder participation, under formats that are reasonable and acceptable to Member States—for instance, involving actors with consultative

status with ECOSOC—drawing inspiration from recent experiences such as the OEWG processes in the field of cybersecurity. A calibrated opening could enrich substantive discussions and provide valuable technical perspectives.

- **Strengthening a results-oriented approach:** Finally, we consider it essential to consolidate a working approach focused on the adoption of concise, practical, consensus-based, and implementable recommendations that effectively contribute to advancing the disarmament agenda.

Mr. Chair,

In light of the above, my delegation would like to raise an open question: are we in a position to achieve a concrete outcome on working methods during this cycle? We believe that progress in this area would send a clear signal of Member States' commitment to strengthening the Commission.

Thank you".