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Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session

Report of the First Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled:

“Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

“(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

“(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission”

and to allocate it to the First Committee.

2. At its 1st meeting, on 6 October 2020, the First Committee, taking into consideration the physical distancing guidelines and constraints related to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which prevented the Committee from organizing a full-fledged session, decided, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, to convene in-person and virtual meetings and to conduct its work in two phases: the first phase would be a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely items 94 to 110, and the second phase would be action on all draft proposals. In the absence of thematic discussions, the Committee also decided to convene three virtual informal meetings of two hours each for interactive dialogues on specific subjects.

3. At its 2nd to 10th meetings, on 9 and 12, from 14 to 16 and on 19 October, the Committee held a general debate, during which draft resolutions and decisions were introduced. On 13, 26 and 30 October, the Committee held virtual meetings for exchanges with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, civil society, and independent experts and other high-level officials nominated by the regional groups.



The Committee took action on all draft resolutions and decisions at its 11th to 15th meetings, on 3, 4, 6, 9 and 10 November.¹

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament ([A/75/27](#));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters ([A/75/283](#));
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research ([A/75/134](#)).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution [A/C.1/75/L.37](#)

5. On 9 October, the delegations of France and Germany submitted a draft resolution entitled “Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research” ([A/C.1/75/L.37](#)).

6. At the 15th meeting, on 10 November, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement by the Secretary-General concerning the financial implications of the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee voted on draft resolution [A/C.1/75/L.37](#) as follows:

- (a) Operative paragraph 8 was retained by a recorded vote of 160 to 1, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:²

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova,

¹ For an account of the Committee’s discussion of the item, see [A/C.1/75/PV.2](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.3](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.4](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.5](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.6](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.7](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.8](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.9](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.10](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.11](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.12](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.13](#), [A/C.1/75/PV.14](#) and [A/C.1/75/PV.15](#), as well as [A/C.1/75/INF/5](#).

² The delegation of Colombia subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.

Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Colombia, Israel, Japan.

(b) Draft resolution [A/C.1/75/L.37](#), as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 171 to none, with 2 abstentions (see para. 16, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

None.

Abstaining:

Israel, United States of America.

B. Draft resolution [A/C.1/75/L.51](#)

8. On 13 October, the delegation of Belarus submitted a draft resolution entitled “Report of the Conference on Disarmament” ([A/C.1/75/L.51](#)).

9. At its 15th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.1/75/L.51](#) without a vote (see para. 16, draft resolution II).

C. Draft decision [A/C.1/75/L.48](#)

10. On 13 October, the delegation of the Russian Federation, on behalf of Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), submitted a draft decision entitled “2021 session of the Disarmament Commission” ([A/C.1/75/L.48](#)). Subsequently, Belarus, Burundi and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

11. At its 15th meeting on 10 November, the Committee voted on draft decision [A/C.1/75/L.48](#) as follows:

(a) The eighth preambular paragraph was rejected by a recorded vote of 44 to 29, with 70 abstentions. The voting was as follows:³

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, Senegal, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

(b) The ninth preambular paragraph was rejected by a recorded vote of 46 to 28, with 70 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

³ The delegation of Bangladesh subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen.

(c) The tenth preambular paragraph was rejected by a recorded vote of 46 to 23, with 72 abstentions. The voting was as follows:⁴

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador,

⁴ The delegation of Egypt subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.

El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen.

(d) The eleventh preambular paragraph was rejected by a recorded vote of 45 to 22, with 76 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen.

(e) Operative paragraph (e) was rejected by a recorded vote of 48 to 23, with 72 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain,

Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen.

(f) Operative paragraph (f) was rejected by a recorded vote of 46 to 22, with 76 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Yemen.

(g) Draft decision [A/C.1/75/L.48](#), as a whole and as amended, was rejected by a recorded vote of 55 to 34, with 67 abstentions. The voting was as follows:⁵

In favour:

Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of

⁵ The delegation of Iraq subsequently informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.

Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Tonga, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Palau, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen.

D. Draft decision [A/C.1/75/L.49](#) and amendment thereto contained in document [A/C.1/75/L.79](#)

12. On 13 October, the delegation of Australia submitted a draft decision entitled "Disarmament Commission" ([A/C.1/75/L.49](#)).

13. At its 15th meeting, on 10 November, the Committee had before it an amendment to draft decision [A/C.1/75/L.49](#), contained in document [A/C.1/75/L.79](#), submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee rejected the amendment by a recorded vote of 56 to 16, with 70 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Angola, Belarus, Cambodia, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain,

Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Yemen.

15. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.1/75/L.49](#) without a vote (see para. 17).

III. Recommendations of the First Committee

16. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I **Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [34/83](#) M of 11 December 1979, in which it requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, and its resolution [39/148](#) H of 17 December 1984, in which it approved the statute of the Institute,

Recalling also its resolutions [45/62](#) G of 4 December 1990, [55/35](#) A of 20 November 2000, [60/89](#) of 8 December 2005, [65/87](#) of 8 December 2010 and [70/69](#) of 11 December 2015 on the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, thirtieth and thirty-fifth anniversaries of the Institute,

Considering the continuing need for the international community to have access to independent and in-depth research on security issues and prospects for disarmament and non-proliferation,

Underlining the particularly relevant contribution of the Institute to thinking and analysis on international security issues in the current context,

Recognizing the potential of the Institute, through its research, seminars, networks, outreach activities and publications, to assist ongoing negotiations on disarmament and efforts at ensuring greater international security at a progressively lower level of armaments and to contribute to education in this regard,

Welcoming the increased level of research and activity of the Institute, the increase in the number and range of research publications and their relevance for multilateral disarmament discussions, as well as the increase in the range of activities,

Welcoming also the increased outreach and conduct of the Institute's activities in Geneva and in diverse geographical locations,

Recognizing that, despite the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Institute managed to uphold its activities,

Reiterating its preoccupation over the unsustainable financing situation of the institutional operations budget of the Institute,

Recognizing that a viable solution to the Institute's financial challenges will be instrumental for the Institute, as an autonomous institution within the framework of the United Nations, to fulfil Member States' expectations to take forward its mandate to promote informed participation by all States in disarmament efforts, assist ongoing negotiations and carry out in-depth, forward-looking and long-term research on disarmament,

Recognizing also the importance of the Institute's location in Geneva,

Noting the new financial and logistical difficulties that have arisen as a consequence of the introduction of rental costs for accommodation in the Palais des Nations,

Noting also the lack of implementation to date of the recommendations of the Secretary-General in his report on a sustainable and stable funding structure and operating model for the Institute that drew on the assessment by an independent third party requested by Member States in resolution 70/69,¹ as well as the long-standing observations and recommendations of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, the Board of Trustees of the Institute, contained in the latest report of the Secretary-General on its work,²

1. *Welcomes* the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;
2. *Recognizes* the importance, the timeliness and the high quality of the work of the Institute;
3. *Reiterates its conviction* that the Institute should continue to conduct independent research on problems relating to disarmament and security and to undertake specialized research requiring a high degree of expertise;
4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Institute as a stand-alone, autonomous institution that contributes, through its research, analysis and activities, to progress in disarmament and, ultimately, to a more secure world;
5. *Underlines* the contribution that the Institute makes and should continue to make in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation education in all regions of the world;
6. *Appeals* to all Member States to continue to make financial contributions to the Institute, if possible multi-annual, and strongly encourages them to earmark these contributions so as to contribute to its viability, independence and impartiality and the quality of its work over the long term;
7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide accommodation for the Institute in the Palais des Nations in Geneva at the reduced rate established to cover operational expenses only;
8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit, in the context of the 2022 programme budget, a proposal for an increase in the subvention to the Institute.

¹ A/73/284.

² A/75/283.

Draft resolution II

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament,¹

Recalling its resolution [74/74](#) of 12 December 2019,

Convinced that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament,

Recognizing the addresses of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as the addresses of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and other high-level officials in the Conference on Disarmament, and referring to their various expressions of support for and concern about the endeavours of the Conference and calls for the Conference to commence negotiations without delay to advance disarmament goals through the adoption of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work,

Recognizing also the need to conduct multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching agreement on concrete issues, and emphasizing the importance of effective multilateralism in the context of the changing international climate,

Noting with renewed concern that, despite the intensive efforts by States members and Presidents of the Conference on Disarmament at its 2020 session to reach consensus on a programme of work on the basis of relevant proposals and suggestions, the Conference did not succeed in commencing its substantive work by means of negotiations or agree to a programme of work,

Recalling, in this respect, that the Conference on Disarmament has a number of priority issues for negotiation to achieve disarmament goals,

Welcoming the overwhelming call for greater flexibility with respect to implementing the substantive work of the Conference on Disarmament on the basis of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work,

Underlining the need for continued cooperation among the States members of the Conference on Disarmament as well as among the successive Presidents of the Conference,

Noting with appreciation the contributions made at the 2020 session to promote substantive discussions on issues on the agenda,

Acknowledging the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, as a stand-alone, autonomous institution, and the contribution that its research makes,

Recognizing the importance of engagement between civil society and the Conference on Disarmament according to decisions taken by the Conference,

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community;

2. *Appreciates* the strong support expressed for the Conference on Disarmament at its 2020 session by Ministers for Foreign Affairs and other high-level officials, while also acknowledging their concern about its ongoing impasse, and takes into account their calls for greater flexibility with respect to commencing the substantive work of the Conference without further delay;

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fifth Session, Supplement No. 27 ([A/75/27](#)).

3. *Calls upon* the Conference on Disarmament to further intensify consultations and to explore possibilities for overcoming its ongoing deadlock of two decades by adopting and implementing a balanced and comprehensive programme of work at the earliest possible date during its 2021 session, bearing in mind the decision on the programme of work adopted by the Conference on 29 May 2009,² as well as other relevant present, past and future proposals;

4. *Encourages* the current President and the incoming President of the Conference on Disarmament to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, to make recommendations, taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations;

5. *Requests* the current President and successive Presidents of the Conference on Disarmament to cooperate with the States members of the Conference in the effort to guide the Conference to the early commencement of its substantive work, including negotiations, at its 2021 session;

6. *Recognizes* the importance of continuing consultations in 2021 on the question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference on Disarmament;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure and to strengthen, if needed, the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of all necessary administrative, substantive and conference support services;

8. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session a report on its work;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session”, the sub-item entitled “Report of the Conference on Disarmament”.

² Ibid., *Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/64/27)*, para. 18.

17. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly, recalling its decisions 74/511 of 12 December 2019 and 74/546 of 2 April 2020, and noting with concern the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), decides:

(a) That the Disarmament Commission shall hold a substantive session for a period not exceeding three weeks during 2021, namely from 5 to 23 April, and submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session;

(b) That the Disarmament Commission shall hold its organizational session at the beginning of 2021, before the substantive session, to elect its Bureau and address other outstanding organizational matters;

(c) To include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session”, the sub-item entitled “Report of the Disarmament Commission”.
