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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 Disarmament Commission

Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft decision

2021 session of the Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [73/82](#) of 5 December 2018 on the report of the Disarmament Commission and its decisions 52/492 of 8 September 1998 concerning the efficient functioning of the Commission and 74/511 of 12 December 2019 on the 2020 session of the Commission,

Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in promoting the implementation of the relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session,

Recalling in particular General Assembly resolution [45/62](#) B of 4 December 1990, in which it noted with satisfaction the adoption by consensus of a set of “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”,¹ and Assembly resolution [61/98](#) of 6 December 2006, which contains additional measures for improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the Commission,

Reaffirming the mandate of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative subsidiary body of the General Assembly that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues, and recalling that the Commission shall make every effort to ensure that, insofar as possible, decisions on substantive issues be adopted by consensus, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,²

¹ Resolution [44/119](#) C, annex.

² Resolution [S-10/2](#).



Emphasizing once again the important place of the Disarmament Commission within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery,

Reaffirming the importance of further enhancing the dialogue and cooperation among the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament,

Emphasizing the need for a focused and results-oriented discussion of the items on the agenda of the Disarmament Commission,

Noting that the Disarmament Commission, for organizational reasons, was unable to commence its substantive sessions in 2019 and 2020 and submit its report as requested in General Assembly resolution 73/82,

Recalling its resolution 74/195 of 18 December 2019 on the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,

Expressing serious concern regarding the non-issuance of entry visas to certain representatives of certain Member States for the sessions of the Disarmament Commission in 2019 and 2020, which resulted in the Commission being unable to commence its substantive sessions,

Expecting the prompt issuance by the host country of entry visas to all representatives of Member States for sessions of the Disarmament Commission pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,³ in a timely manner, to enable representatives of Member States to travel to New York on United Nations business,

Decides:

(a) That the Disarmament Commission will 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 will hold its organizational session as soon as possible before the substantive session to elect its bureau and address other outstanding organizational matters;

(c) That the Disarmament Commission will continue consideration of the following items at its substantive session of 2021:

(i) Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

(ii) Preparation of recommendations to promote the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities with the goal of preventing an arms race in outer space, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities;⁴

(d) That the Disarmament Commission will continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, and with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, and to that end make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”;

³ See resolution 169 (II).

⁴ A/68/189.

(e) To request the Secretary-General to deal with the problems relating to the organization of sessions of the Disarmament Commission, including the issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States, which resulted in the Commission being unable to commence its substantive sessions in 2019 and 2020;

(f) To call upon the host country to ensure the issuance of visas to representatives of Member States in accordance with article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement to facilitate the participation of representatives of Member States in sessions of the Disarmament Commission;

(g) To request the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Disarmament Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the resources and services necessary, including verbatim records, to that end, and also to request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament on its 2020 session,⁵ together with all the official records of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present decision;

(h) 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”.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fifth session, Supplement No. 27 (A/75/27)*.