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General and complete disarmament: treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

Canada, Germany and Netherlands (Kingdom of the): draft resolution

Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [48/75](#) L of 16 December 1993 and all subsequent resolutions and decisions on the subject of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

Marking 30 years since the adoption of resolution [48/75](#) L and, in that regard, noting with grave concern the lack of substantial progress towards a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

Stressing the importance of political will to make progress and welcoming the commemorative high-level event entitled “Whittle down fissile material, whittle down nuclear weapons”, aimed at refocusing political attention on the matter, held on the margins of high-level week of the General Assembly in September 2023 in this regard,

Mindful of the continuing importance and relevance of the Conference on Disarmament, and recalling the past achievements of that body in successfully negotiating non-proliferation and disarmament agreements,

Gravely concerned by the years of stalemate in the Conference on Disarmament, regretting that negotiations have not been pursued on this issue, and looking forward to the Conference again fulfilling its mandate as the world’s single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum,

Convinced that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would represent a significant practical contribution to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation efforts,



Recognizing the essential role of fissile material in the manufacture of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices and the long-standing efforts of the international community to negotiate a treaty that would ban its production for such purposes,

Welcoming the declared voluntary moratoriums by some nuclear-weapon States on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons as an important interim step before the entry into force of a non-discriminatory, multilateral and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

Recognizing that a future treaty should not prohibit the production of fissile material for non-proscribed military purposes or civilian use, consistent with the obligations of States parties to such a treaty, or interfere in any other way with a State's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

Recalling actions 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions agreed by consensus at the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,¹

Noting with appreciation the consensus report of the Group of Governmental Experts, mandated in resolution [67/53](#) of 3 December 2012, as contained in document [A/70/81](#),

Noting with appreciation also the work accomplished in 2017 and 2018 by the high-level fissile material cut-off treaty expert preparatory group convened by the Secretary-General following resolution [71/259](#) of 23 December 2016, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, to consider and make recommendations on substantial elements of a future non-discriminatory, multilateral and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of document [CD/1299](#) and the mandate contained therein,

Noting with concern that the tenth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was not able to make progress in facilitating negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, as called for in resolution [76/51](#) of 6 December 2021,

Reaffirming the need to ensure the equal, full and meaningful participation of women in the negotiation process of a future treaty,

Reaffirming also its desire to achieve substantive progress in nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and in particular on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

1. *Urges* the Conference on Disarmament to immediately commence negotiations on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices on the basis of document [CD/1299](#) and the mandate contained therein;

2. *Calls upon* Member States to make innovative contributions in all appropriate formal and informal forums for facilitating negotiations on a treaty

¹ See *2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document*, vol. I (NPT/CONF.2010/50 (Vol. I)), part I, *Conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions*.

banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

3. *Calls upon* those States that possess or produce fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices to declare, if they have not already done so, and uphold a voluntary moratorium on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

4. *Also calls upon* those States that possess or produce fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices to engage in transparency and confidence-building measures among themselves with a view to launching negotiations, as referenced above, of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and requests that the Secretary-General and the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs facilitate any such efforts, taking into account existing confidence-building measures and preparatory work, including in the Conference on Disarmament;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices”.
