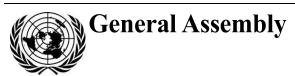
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## Second session of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction

The Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction,

Recalling General Assembly decision 73/546 of 22 December 2018 and the decision of the Conference entitled "Dates of the annual sessions of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction", adopted on 22 November 2019, and bearing in mind the decision of the Conference entitled "Presidency of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction, adopted on 22 November 2019, as well as the statement made on 19 November 2019 by the President of the Conference at its first session concerning the draft rules of procedure of the Conference, and in the light of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on United Nations conferences and meetings:

- (a) Decides to postpone the second session of the Conference, scheduled for 16 to 20 November 2020, to a later date and to hold the second session as soon as circumstances permit, but not later than November 2021;
- (b) Notes that the decision to postpone the second session of the Conference is taken on an exceptional basis and does not set a precedent either for the dates of future annual sessions or for the presidency of the Conference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See A/CONF.236/6.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A/CONF.236/DEC.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A/CONF.236/DEC.4.