

Conference on Disarmament

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Draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2020

The Conference on Disarmament,

Cognizant of its role as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum established by the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-I),

In order to provide a programme of work for the Conference which does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2183,

Seeking to advance the substantive work of the Conference,

Pursuant to paragraph 28 of its Rules of Procedure which calls on the Conference to establish its programme of work on the basis of its agenda,

decides:

20 January 2020 - 27 March 2020

Statements in plenary meetings

Implementation of arrangements for
Subsidiary Bodies

The High Level Segment

Other organizational questions

Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies

25 May 2020 - 10 July 2020

Statements in plenary meetings

Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies

Other organizational questions

Civil society event

03 August 2020 - 18 September
2020

Statements in plenary meetings

Supervision of work in Subsidiary Bodies,
consideration and adoption of the reports of
the Subsidiary Bodies

Consideration and adoption of the annual
report to the General Assembly of the United
Nations



1. To establish, in accordance with Paragraph 23 of its rules of procedure, subsidiary bodies on agenda items 1 (one) to 4 (four), and one on agenda items 5 (five), 6 (six) and 7 (seven), which could also consider emerging and other issues relevant to substantive work of the Conference. In their work the subsidiary bodies would pursue the following areas and any other areas agreed by the subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the rules of procedure:

(a) To reach an understanding on the areas of commonalities in the Conference on Disarmament by taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future;

(b) Deepening technical discussions and broadening areas of agreement, including through the participation, in accordance with the rules of procedure, of relevant experts;

(c) Consider effective measures, including legal instruments for negotiations.

2. Each subsidiary body will be chaired by a coordinator appointed by the Conference, under the guidance of the President on the basis of equitable regional distribution.

3. The subsidiary bodies shall meet in accordance with paragraph 24 of the rules of procedure, and shall conduct their work in accordance with paragraph 18 of the rules of procedure, with even allocation of time.

4. In accordance with rule 35 of the rules of procedure, the subsidiary bodies shall remain open to all Member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those non Member States that the Conference has invited to participate in its work during the 2020 session.

5. The report on the progress achieved and agreed on in each subsidiary body would be submitted by its coordinator to the Conference on Disarmament, through the President, for adoption and due reflection in the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

6. This decision is taken for the 2020 session, without prejudice to any subsequent decision at the beginning of the next annual sessions of the Conference on Disarmament.
