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PROPOSAL ON THE STRUCTURE OF A TREATY ON FISSILE MATERIAL FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES

This discussion paper is intended as a contribution to allow the Conference on Disarmament to open negotiations on a treaty concerning fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, considered as one essential step for nuclear disarmament and the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. As a means to visualize the format of the treaty, the proposed structure could help the Conference on Disarmament in its discussions on the mandate of the subsidiary body that would be established in accordance with Rule 23 of its Rules of Procedure with the purpose of conducting the corresponding negotiations.

The treaty could present a structure as follows:

- (i) A framework or umbrella treaty containing provisions on objectives, definitions and final clauses;
- (ii) A protocol banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, including a verification mechanism;
- (iii) A protocol dealing with fissile material as defined in the framework or umbrella treaty which is not, at the moment of entry into force, contained in a nuclear weapon or in any other nuclear explosive device, including a verification mechanism.

The final clauses of the framework or umbrella treaty would define the modalities for participation in the protocols.
