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# Conference on Disarmament

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## **Note verbale dated 19 August 2019 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and requesting issuance of the last revised version of the Programme of Work negotiated under the Ukrainian Presidency during the 2019 Conference on Disarmament session (CD/WP.618/Rev.2, dated 13 February 2019) as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament**

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) and has the honour to request the last revised version of the Programme of Work negotiated under the Ukrainian Presidency during the 2019 Conference on Disarmament session (CD/WP.618/Rev.2, dated 13 February 2019) to be issued as an official document of the CD.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CD Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.



## Revised Draft Programme of Work for the 2019 session

### Submitted by the President

1. *Convinced* that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament;
2. *Recognizing* also the need to conduct multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching agreement on concrete issues;
3. *Recalling*, in this respect, that the Conference on Disarmament has a number of urgent and important issues for negotiation to achieve disarmament goals;
4. *In pursuance of its agenda*, in accordance with and fully respecting its rules of procedure, and given the mandate conferred to the Conference on Disarmament by the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and the necessity to conserve the nature of this forum;
5. *The Conference decides* to start substantive work under its agenda immediately, and to that end takes the following decision for the establishment of a Programme of Work for the duration of the 2019 session:

(a) Under agenda item 1, entitled “Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament”, to negotiate, with a view to reaching agreement, in accordance with the mandate of the CD, on matters discussed within the framework of Subsidiary Body 1, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, building upon the progress made within Subsidiary Body 1 so far;

(b) Under agenda item 2, entitled “Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters”, to negotiate, with a view to reaching agreement, in accordance with the mandate of the CD, on matters discussed within the framework of Subsidiary Body 2, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, building upon the progress made within Subsidiary Body 2 so far, as well as in accordance with the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein regarding a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(c) Under agenda item 3, entitled “Prevention of an arms race in outer space”, to negotiate, with a view to reaching agreement, in accordance with the mandate of the CD, on matters discussed within Subsidiary Body 3, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, building upon the progress made within Subsidiary Body 3 so far;

(d) Under agenda item 4, entitled “Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons” (NSA’s), to negotiate, with a view to reaching agreement, in accordance with the mandate of the CD, on matters discussed within Subsidiary Body 4, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, building upon the progress made within Subsidiary Body 4 so far;

(e) Under agenda item 5, entitled “New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons”, agenda item 6, entitled “Comprehensive programme of disarmament” and agenda item 7, entitled “Transparency in armaments”, to discuss, with a view to finding commonalities and reaching agreement on matters discussed within Subsidiary Body 5, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, building upon the progress made within Subsidiary Body 5 so far;

(f) To establish a Coordinator for the purpose of exploring issues, proposals and views related to CD membership expansion;

(g) To establish a Coordinator for the purpose of exploring issues, proposals and views related to CD working methods.

6. All discussions and negotiations shall be carried out under the responsibility of [...], in accordance with the schedule of activities [...] and shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future.

7. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, if the Conference deems it advisable, the Conference may establish subsidiary bodies, such as ad hoc subcommittees and working groups, technical groups or groups of governmental experts, to perform the functions assigned under each agenda item.

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