

# Conference on Disarmament

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## **Note verbale dated 3 September 2019 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the letter of invitation, dated 1 July 2019 and addressed to Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation, and requesting issuance of this letter as an official document of the 2019 session of the Conference on Disarmament**

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament has the honour to submit herewith two letters of invitation, dated 10 May 2019 and 1 July 2019, respectively to Mr. Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization. The invitation to Mr. Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations was sent by the Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Geneva (Thailand) on behalf of Viet Nam, as President of the Conference on Disarmament. The Permanent Mission of Viet Nam kindly requests that the letters be issued as official documents of the Conference on Disarmament for the year 2019.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office, the World Trade Organization and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament the assurance of its highest consideration.



**Letter of invitation dated 1 July 2019 from H.E. Mr. Duong Chi Dung, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva, addressed to Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation**

Dear Executive Secretary,

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated 7 June 2019, indicating that I intend to invite you to address the Plenary of the Conference on Disarmament under my Presidency on 30 July 2019.

With a consistent policy of supporting all efforts for disarmament, Viet Nam stands ready to find a way to move forward CD's work this year. In our capacity as the President of CD from 24 June 2019, my Delegation plans to follow a dual-track approach: continuing the efforts of drafting a Program of Work and at the same time facilitating discussions on core issues in the Agenda of the CD. In this spirit, the Plenary discussion on "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" (agenda item 1) is organized with the intention of contributing to advance the substantive issues of the CD this year.

I therefore look forward to welcoming you to the UNOG Council Chamber on Tuesday, 30 July 2019 at 10.00 a.m. to address the Plenary of the Conference on Disarmament. I strongly believe that your perspectives on nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, especially the work being carried out by CTBTO, will be interest to the delegations to the CD.

With the assurances of highest consideration,

(Signed) Duong Chi Dung  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of Viet Nam

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