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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. *Taking into account* the Agenda for Disarmament, launched by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres on May 24, 2018;

6. *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 on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, taking into account and building upon the progress made within the framework of Subsidiary Body 1, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018;

   (b) Under agenda item 2, entitled “Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters”, to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective measures related to nuclear disarmament, taking into account and building upon the progress made within the framework of Subsidiary Body 2, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018. These measures can include practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to reduce nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their elimination;

   (c) Under agenda item 3, entitled “Prevention of an arms race in outer space”, taking into account and building upon the relevant work done within Subsidiary Body 3, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, to
negotiate with a purpose to reach an agreement on effective measures related to prevention of an arms race in outer space;

(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), taking into account and building upon the relevant work done within Subsidiary Body 4, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on such effective international arrangements, that could take the form of an international legally binding instrument;

(e) Under agenda item 5, entitled “New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons”, taking into account and building upon the progress made within the framework of Subsidiary Body 5, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, recognizing that the range of biological agents that could be used as weapons is expanding, and can include a broad range of biological incidents from naturally occurring pandemics to the use of biological weapons by state and non-state actors, acknowledging that perception of biological threats has shifted from states developing biological weapon capabilities to naturally occurring infectious diseases, misuse of technology, accidents, etc., while admitting that the proliferation of initiatives, actors, and financial resources in global biosecurity during the past decade has reached a point where the proliferation may harm efforts aimed at improving the possibility to control biothreats, to establish a working group and associated schedule of work for the duration of the CD session to conduct negotiations with a view to elaborate a globalised governance mechanism on existing and potential biosecurity threats;

(f) Under agenda item 6, entitled “Comprehensive programme of disarmament”, taking into account and building upon the progress made within the framework of Subsidiary Body 5, established by decisions CD/2119 of 19 February 2018 and CD/2126 of 27 March 2018, to establish a working group for the duration of the CD session to identify, elaborate and recommend conceptual approaches and effective measures in the areas of emerging weapons technologies, with the view to ensuring, inter alia, critical infrastructure protection;

(g) Under agenda item 7, entitled “Transparency in armaments”, to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on the elements of multilateral arrangements on this matter, including legally binding agreements.

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

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