

# Conference on Disarmament

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## **Letter dated 11 September 2017 from the President of the Conference on Disarmament, Mr. Julio Herráiz to all Permanent Representatives of the Member and Non-Member States to the Conference on Disarmament**

I have the honour to transmit herewith to the Conference on Disarmament, a letter addressed to me in my capacity as President of the Conference, from Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, transmitting the following report for consideration by the Conference, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/33:

Report of the Open-ended Working Group taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/33 and issued under symbol A/71/371 of 1 September 2016.

I have requested the Secretariat to circulate the present note with the letter as an official document of the Conference.

(Signed) Julio Herráiz  
President Conference on Disarmament  
Ambassador of Spain  
to the Conference on Disarmament



8 September 2017

Excellency,

You will recall that on 7 December 2015 the General Assembly adopted resolution 70/33 entitled "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations". The General Assembly decided to convene an open-ended working group to substantively address concrete effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms that will need to be concluded to attain and maintain a world without nuclear weapons, and to also substantively address recommendations on other measures that could contribute to taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations, including but not limited to (a) transparency measures related to the risks associated with existing nuclear weapons; (b) measures to reduce and eliminate the risk of accidental, mistaken, unauthorized or intentional nuclear weapon detonations; and (c) additional measures to increase awareness and understanding of the complexity of and interrelationship between the wide range of humanitarian consequences that would result from any nuclear detonation.

Furthermore, by operative paragraph 8 of resolution 70/33, the General Assembly requested "the Secretary-General to provide, within available resources, the support necessary to convene the open-ended working group and to transmit the report of the working group to the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission and to the international conference foreseen in paragraph 6 of resolution 68/32.

You will also recall that pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 70/33 the open-ended working group taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations submitted its report to the General Assembly which was issued as document A/71/371.

Against this background, I have the honour to transmit on behalf of the Secretary-General the afore-mentioned report to the Conference on Disarmament.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Izumi Nakamitsu  
High Representative for  
Disarmament Affairs

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