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### **Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament**

#### **Report of the First Committee**

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## **I. Introduction**

1. The item entitled “Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament” was included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 66/21 of 2 December 2011.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 1st meeting, on 3 October 2014, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 87 to 104. From 7 to 10 and from 13 to 16 October, the Committee held a general debate on those items (see [A/C.1/69/PV.2-9](#)). On 15 and 16 October, the Committee had an exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at previous sessions and presentation of reports (see [A/C.1/69/PV.8](#)) and an exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament (see [A/C.1/69/PV.9](#)). The Committee also held 11 meetings, on 16 and 17, from 20 to 24 and on 27 and 28 October, for thematic discussions and panel exchanges with independent experts (see [A/C.1/69/PV.9-19](#)). At those meetings, as well as during the action phase, draft resolutions were introduced and considered. The Committee took action on all draft resolutions and decisions at the 20th to 24th meetings, from 29 to 31 October and on 3 and 4 November (see [A/C.1/69/PV.20-24](#)).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Conference on Disarmament ([A/69/27](#)).



## II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.1/69/L.7

5. At the 21st meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Belarus, on behalf of Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Turkmenistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), introduced a draft resolution entitled “Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament” (A/C.1/69/L.7). Subsequently, Chad, the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Honduras, Madagascar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/69/L.7 by a recorded vote of 177 to 2, with 1 abstention (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

Israel, United States of America.

*Abstaining:*

Ukraine.

### III. Recommendation of the First Committee

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

**Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons:  
report of the Conference on Disarmament**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 51/37 of 10 December 1996, 54/44 of 1 December 1999, 57/50 of 22 November 2002, 60/46 of 8 December 2005, 63/36 of 2 December 2008 and 66/21 of 2 December 2011 relating to the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons,

*Recalling further* paragraph 77 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>1</sup>

*Determined* to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction that have characteristics comparable in destructive effect to those of weapons of mass destruction identified in the definition of weapons of mass destruction adopted by the United Nations in 1948,<sup>2</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the discussions which have been held in the Conference on Disarmament under the item entitled “New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons”,<sup>3</sup>

*Noting* the desirability of keeping the matter under review, as appropriate,

1. *Reaffirms* that effective measures should be taken to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons of mass destruction;

2. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament, without prejudice to further overview of its agenda, to keep the matter under review, as appropriate, with a view to making, when necessary, recommendations on undertaking specific negotiations on identified types of such weapons;

<sup>1</sup> Resolution S-10/2.

<sup>2</sup> The definition was adopted by the Commission for Conventional Armaments (see S/C.3/32/Rev.1).

<sup>3</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/64/27)*, chap. III, sect. E; *ibid.*, *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/65/27)*, chap. III, sect. E; *ibid.*, *Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/66/27)*, chap. III, sect. E; *ibid.*, *Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/67/27)*, chap. III, sect. E; *ibid.*, *Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/68/27)*, chap. III, sect. E; and *ibid.*, *Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/69/27)*, chap. III, sect. E.

3. *Calls upon* all States, immediately following any recommendations of the Conference on Disarmament, to give favourable consideration to those recommendations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference on Disarmament all documents relating to the consideration of this item by the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

5. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to report the results of any consideration of the matter in its annual reports to the General Assembly;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament".

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