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(a) Objectives of the World Disarmament Conference

The Government of the Republic of Kenya, desirous to promote and maintain international peace and security, has continually supported all measures that aim to eliminate the threat posed by the possession of nuclear weapons. In line with these hopes and aspirations, the Government of Kenya became a party to the nuclear test ban treaty of 1963, the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 1956 and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 1968. Kenya has also continually supported all United Nations General Assembly resolutions which seek to eliminate all factors that pose a threat to international peace and security. It similarly supported General Assembly resolution 2833 (XXVI) concerning the convening of a world disarmament conference. In the view of the Kenya Government, therefore, the following should form the main objectives of the World Disarmament Conference:

1. Finding ways and means of achieving an understanding on general and complete disarmament.
2. Getting an assurance from the nuclear-weapon Powers that they will work towards the cessation of the arms race and the manufacture of nuclear weapons, and the limitation of strategic nuclear weapons systems.
3. Seeking the pledge of the nuclear-weapon Powers to agree to the limitation of offensive strategic nuclear weapons delivery systems of defence against ballistic missiles.
4. Exploring the peaceful uses of atomic energy through the International Atomic Energy Agency.
5. Establishing ways and means of channelling the funds hitherto used for the building up of nuclear weapons in the advancement of developing nations. Furthermore, to ensure that all contributions of nuclear technology are examined for the advancement of developing nations.
6. Ensuring the elimination from the international waters together with the air space above and the ocean floor thereof, of all forms of military installations and logistical supply facilities, the disposition of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction and any manifestation of great Power military presence in the international waters conceived in the context of great Power rivalry.
7. Devising a system whereby appropriate arrangements are made to give effect to any international agreement that may be reached for the maintenance of the international waters as free zones.

(b) Some items for inclusion in the provisional agenda

In line with the objectives of the World Disarmament Conference outlined above, the Government of the Republic of Kenya feels that the following items should be included in the agenda of the World Disarmament Conference:

1. Ways and means of establishing measures for general and complete disarmament.

2. Effective measures for the cessation of the arms race, the prevention of further proliferation of nuclear weapons and nuclear disarmament.

3. Programmes for co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

(c) Site favoured

Any place convenient and/or agreeable to the majority.

(d) Date and contemplated duration

The conference could be held in 1974 before the convening of the General Assembly. The meeting should last at least two months. The report of the conference should then be forwarded to the next session of the General Assembly.

(e) Procedures for carrying out preparatory work

A working committee of experts should be formed to explore all the different aspects of the disarmament issues and prepare working papers as well as the agenda for the World Disarmament Conference. The Member States would submit their views and recommendations to the committee of experts if and when requested. The membership of the committee should be based on regional distribution and include representatives of all countries currently manufacturing or possessing nuclear weapons.

(f) Relationship to the United Nations

The World Disarmament Conference should be held under the auspices of the United Nations. The secretariat of the working committee of experts should co-ordinate its work with the United Nations Secretariat, and the final report of the World Disarmament Conference should be submitted to the United Nations.
