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Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the Disarmament Commission

Australia and Hungary: revised draft decision

2020 session of the Disarmament Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [73/82](#) of 5 December 2018 on the report of the Disarmament Commission and its decision 52/492 of 8 September 1998 concerning the efficient functioning of the Commission,

Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in promoting the implementation of the relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session,

Recalling in particular General Assembly resolution [45/62 B](#) of 4 December 1990, in which it noted with satisfaction the adoption by consensus of a set of “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”,¹ and Assembly resolution [61/98](#) of 6 December 2006, which contains additional measures for improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the Commission,

Reaffirming the mandate of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative subsidiary body of the General Assembly that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues, and recalling that the Commission shall make every effort to ensure that, insofar as possible, decisions on substantive issues be adopted by consensus, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,²

Emphasizing once again the important place of the Disarmament Commission within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery,

¹ Resolution [44/119 C](#), annex.

² Resolution [S-10/2](#).



Reaffirming the importance of further enhancing the dialogue and cooperation among the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament,

Emphasizing the need for a focused and results-oriented discussion of the items on the agenda of the Disarmament Commission,

Noting that the Disarmament Commission, for organizational reasons, was unable to commence its substantive session and submit its report as requested in General Assembly resolution 73/82,

Decides:

(a) That the Disarmament Commission will hold a substantive session for a period not exceeding three weeks during 2020, namely from 6 to 24 April, and submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session;

(b) That the Disarmament Commission will hold its organizational session as soon as possible before the substantive session to elect its bureau and address other outstanding organizational matters;

(c) That the Disarmament Commission will continue consideration of the following items at its substantive session of 2020:

(i) Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

(ii) Preparation of recommendations to promote the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities with the goal of preventing an arms race in outer space, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities;³

(d) That the Disarmament Commission will continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,³ and with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, and to that end make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”;¹

(e) To request the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Disarmament Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the resources and services necessary, including verbatim records, to that end, and also to request the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament on its 2019 session,⁴ together with all the official records of the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present decision;

(f) To include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session”, the sub-item entitled “Report of the Disarmament Commission”.

³ A/68/189.

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-fourth session, Supplement No. 27 (A/74/27)*.