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## I. Introduction

1. At its seventy-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution [79/72](#), entitled “Report of the Disarmament Commission”.

## II. Organization and work of the substantive session of 2025

2. The Disarmament Commission held its organizational session for 2025 at United Nations Headquarters at its 397th meeting, on 7 April 2025 (see [A/CN.10/PV.397](#)). At that meeting, the Commission considered questions relating to the organization of work and substantive agenda items for its substantive session of 2025 in accordance with the “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission” adopted by the General Assembly (resolution [44/119 C](#), annex) and in the light of Assembly resolution [79/72](#). The Commission also took up the question of the election of its officers. It elected the Deputy Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations, José Pereira Sosa, as Chair for its session.

3. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda for its organizational session ([A/CN.10/L.93](#)).

4. Also at the same meeting, the Commission elected Amr Essameldin Sadek Ahmed (Egypt), Mohammed Lawal Mahmud (Nigeria) and Vivica Muenkner (Germany) as Vice-Chairs.

5. Also, at its 397th meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2025 ([A/CN.10/L.94](#)). The agenda read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
5. Recommendations on common understandings related to emerging technologies in the context of international security.
6. Report of the Disarmament Commission to the General Assembly at its eightieth session.
7. Other business.

6. At its 398th meeting, on 7 April, the Commission took note of its schedule of meetings for the session ([A/CN.10/2025/CRP.1](#)).

7. At its 400th meeting, on 8 April, the Commission elected Syed Atif Raza (Pakistan) as Rapporteur.

8. The Commission held its substantive session of 2025 at Headquarters from 7 to 25 April. In the course of its session, the Commission held six plenary meetings (see [A/CN.10/PV.397–402](#)). The Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as the secretariat of the Commission, and the Office for Disarmament Affairs represented the substantive secretariat.

9. During the session, the Bureau of the Commission was constituted as follows:

*Chair:*

José Pereira Sosa (Paraguay)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Representatives of Egypt, Germany and Nigeria

*Rapporteur:*

Syed Atif Raza (Pakistan)

10. At its 398th meeting, the Commission elected Akaki Dvali (Georgia) as Chair of Working Group I, on agenda item 4, and Julia Elizabeth Rodríguez Acosta (El Salvador) as Chair of Working Group II, on agenda item 5.

11. At its 398th to 401st meetings, on 7 and 8 April, the Commission held a general exchange of views on all agenda items. Representatives of the following countries made statements during the general exchange of views: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea (on behalf of the Group of African States), Estonia (on behalf of the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania)), France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Indonesia (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries), Iraq, Ireland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council), Liberia, Libya (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Malaysia, Malaysia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)), Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. Statements were also made by the Holy See, Arab States (League of) and the European Union (on behalf the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations and a group of Member States).

12. At its 398th meeting, the Commission heard a statement by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

13. The Commission expressed an interest in considering having full web-based coverage of the plenary meetings of the Commission through United Nations Web TV and noted the Chair's intention to explore the matter with the Secretariat and the Bureau in order to address the current lack of webcasting of such plenary meetings.

14. The Commission entrusted Working Group I with the mandate of dealing with agenda item 4. Working Group I held nine meetings, from 9 to 24 April.

15. The Commission entrusted Working Group II with the mandate of dealing with agenda item 5. Working Group II held seven meetings, from 9 to 23 April.

### **III. Documentation**

#### **A. Documents submitted by the Secretary-General**

16. The Commission had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the list of documents submitted by the Secretary-General to the Commission for its substantive session of 2025 ([A/CN.10/216](#)).

## **B. Other documents, including documents submitted by Member States**

17. No documents have been submitted.

## **IV. Conclusions and recommendations**

18. At its 402nd meeting, on 25 April, the Commission adopted, ad referendum, the reports of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. No recommendations were put forward by the Commission. The Commission agreed to submit the texts of the reports, which are reproduced below, to the General Assembly.

19. At its 403rd meeting, on 25 April, the Commission adopted, by consensus, the reports of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its eightieth session. The Commission expressed its appreciation to the Chair, the Bureau, the Chairs of the Working Groups and the Secretariat.

20. The report of Working Group I reads as follows:

### **Report of Working Group I on agenda item 4**

1. At its 397th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2025, the Disarmament Commission adopted its agenda for the substantive session of 2025 ([A/CN.10/L.94](#)) and decided to allocate to Working Group I agenda item 4, entitled “Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons”.

2. The Working Group, chaired by Akaki Dvali (Georgia), held nine meetings, from 9 to 24 April 2025. The Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as the secretariat of the Working Group. The Office for Disarmament Affairs served as adviser to the Working Group.

3. At the 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 9, 10 and 14 April, delegations exchanged views and presented various proposals regarding the organization of work in the Working Group for the 2025 and 2026 sessions of the Disarmament Commission.

4. At the 4th, 5th and 6th meetings, on 15, 16 and 17 April, delegations exchanged views and made substantive statements on an informal paper entitled “List of focused topics”, circulated on 13 April, which was introduced by the Chair following proposals submitted by States, under his responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of delegations or any further work in the Working Group, and the updated versions of the paper circulated on 15 and 16 April.

5. At the 7th, 8th, and 9th meetings, on 22, 23 and 24 April, delegations exchanged views and presented various proposals and positions on the Chair’s paper ([A/CN.10/2025/WG.I/CRP.1](#)), circulated on 21 April. The paper was issued by the Chair, under his responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of delegations, for the purpose of facilitating the further work of the Working Group, including a substantive exchange of views and specific proposals at the 2026 session of the Disarmament Commission.

6. At the 9th meeting, on 24 April, the Working Group considered and adopted by consensus its report on agenda item 4. The Working Group also recorded its appreciation to the Chair and the Secretariat.

21. The report of Working Group II reads as follows:

**Report of Working Group II on agenda item 5**

1. At its 397th plenary meeting, on 7 April 2025, the Disarmament Commission adopted its agenda for the substantive session of 2025 ([A/CN.10/L.94](#)) and decided to allocate to Working Group II agenda item 5, entitled “Recommendations on common understandings related to emerging technologies in the context of international security”.
2. The Working Group, chaired by Julia Elizabeth Rodríguez Acosta (El Salvador), held seven informal meetings, from 9 to 23 April 2025. The Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as the secretariat of the Working Group. The Office for Disarmament Affairs served as adviser to the Working Group.
3. At the 1st meeting, on 9 April, the Working Group held a general exchange of views on agenda item 5.
4. At the 2nd meeting, on 10 April, the Working Group heard presentations on the report of the Secretary-General on current developments in science and technology and their potential impact on international security and disarmament efforts ([A/79/224](#)) from the following experts: Charles Ovink of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, who addressed artificial intelligence; Sarah Grand-Clement of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), who addressed uncrewed systems; Samuele Dominioni of UNIDIR, who addressed digital technologies; and Daniel Feakes of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, who addressed biology and chemistry. The Working Group exchanged views on the presentations and the report of the Secretary-General.
5. At the 3rd meeting, on 14 April, the Working Group heard presentations on the report of the Secretary-General ([A/79/224](#)) from the following experts from the Office for Disarmament Affairs: Michael Spies, who addressed space and aerospace technologies; René Holbach, who addressed electromagnetic technologies and materials technologies, as well as the conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary-General; and Katherine Prizeman, who addressed the convergence of technologies. The Working Group exchanged views on the presentations and the report of the Secretary-General.
6. At the 4th meeting, on 15 April, the Working Group heard presentations on United Nations processes related to emerging technologies in the context of international security. Anupam Ray, the Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament, gave a briefing on the work of the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/250](#) of 30 December 2022, and its consensus substantive report ([A/79/364](#)). Clarice Lim of the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations, gave a briefing on behalf of the Chair of the open-ended working group on security of and in the use of information and communications technologies 2021–2025, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution [75/240](#) of 31 December 2020. The Working Group exchanged views on the presentations.
7. At the 5th meeting, on 16 April, the Working Group exchanged views on Member State-led initiatives related to emerging technologies in the context of international security, featuring presentations by the delegations of Austria, China, France, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea.

8. At the 6th meeting, on 17 April, the Working Group held an exchange of views on common understandings related to emerging technologies in the context of international security.

9. Following discussions by the Working Group, the Chair introduced a paper entitled “Chair’s summary” dated 22 April 2025, under her own responsibility and without prejudice to the position of any delegation. At the 7th meeting, on 23 April, the Working Group discussed the Chair’s paper.

10. At the same meeting, the Working Group considered and adopted by consensus its report on agenda item 5. The Working Group recorded its appreciation to the Chair and the Secretariat.

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