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General and complete disarmament

Afghanistan, Bhutan, Fiji, India, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Sri Lanka and Tuvalu: draft resolution

Terrorism and weapons of mass destruction

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the determination of the international community to combat terrorism, as evident in relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions,

Deeply concerned about the evidence of the growing risk of linkages between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the deliberations of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters,¹ which considered in-depth issues related to weapons of mass destruction and terrorism,

Taking note of International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference resolution GC(46)/RES/13 and the setting up of an Advisory Group on Nuclear Security in the Agency to advise the Director General on the Agency's activities relating to preventing, detecting and responding to terrorist or other malicious acts involving nuclear and other radioactive materials and nuclear facilities,

Taking note of the report of the Policy Working Group on the United Nations and Terrorism,²

Concerned that terrorists may seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction,

Mindful of the urgent need to address this threat to humanity in the United Nations framework,

¹ A/57/335.

² A/57/273-S/2002/875, annex.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene a panel of governmental experts, to be established in 2003 on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, to undertake a study on the issues related to terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, within available resources and with any other assistance provided by States in a position to do so, and to submit the study to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Terrorism and weapons of mass destruction".
