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Proposals of the Non-Aligned Group concerning chapter V of the Chairman's working paper, "Ways and means to achieve nuclear disarmament"

Working paper submitted by Indonesia on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement

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The Commission endorsed a principled, forward-looking approach to nuclear disarmament and agrees on the importance of taking concrete, **timely** and practical results that promote nuclear disarmament. In this regard the Commission has endorsed the following general principles:

Paragraph V (i)

The ultimate objective of the efforts of States in the disarmament process is general and complete disarmament under effective international control **so that future generations might live in a more stable and peaceful world.**

Paragraph V (ii)

Retain as it stands.

Paragraph V (iii)

The political will of States is ~~a~~ **the** key element in achieving ~~global~~-nuclear disarmament ~~with~~ **based on the principle of** undiminished security for ~~States~~ **all.**

Paragraph V (iv)

Multilateralism is ~~a fundamental~~ **the core** principle in negotiations in the areas of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation **in all aspects**, and accordingly, the

international community should promote universal adherence to and full compliance with non-discriminatory multilateral legal instruments in these areas, while recognizing the potential value of unilateral, bilateral, regional and plurilateral initiatives that are consistent with these ends.

Paragraph V (v)

The United Nations disarmament machinery ~~can~~ **should** play an effective role in promoting the achievement of ~~global~~ nuclear disarmament. The Member States affirm the **unique** value of the United Nations Disarmament Commission as an appropriate forum for future multilateral deliberations on these and additional ways and means to achieve ~~global~~ nuclear disarmament.

Paragraph (vi)

Replace paragraph (vi) with the following:

Strengthening measures aimed at preventing terrorists from acquiring nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and materials and technologies related to their manufacture, bearing in mind that the most effective way of preventing terrorists from acquiring such weapons is to eliminate them.
