
Conference on Disarmament

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Note verbale dated 7 June 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations and Regional Coordinator of the Group of 21 to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the letter dated 7 June 2010 addressed to the President of the Conference with the proposals of the Group of 21 presented at the 1182nd plenary meeting on 7 June 2010

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the current Coordinator of the G21, presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament, and has the honour to attach herewith a copy of the letter sent today, 7 June 2010, by the G21 to the President of the CD. In the interest of transparency, the Secretary-General is kindly requested to issue the attached letter as a formal document of the CD.

Excellency,

The G 21 reiterates its statement made in the Plenary held on 3rd June 2010, as well as its consultations with the President of the Conference on the 2nd of June 2010:

1. The G21 is keen for the CD to continue its work, and in that context is eager for the adoption of a consensual, balanced and comprehensive Program of Work as soon as possible.
2. The G21 stresses the importance of flexibility by all the parties of the CD, while strictly adhering to the rules of procedures.
3. The G21 underscores that to achieve consensus, the President needs to submit any proposal on how to move forward formally to the Conference for adoption.
4. The G21 suggests to the President to submit a proposal to the CD for its decision to hold informal meetings of the CD on all items of the agenda similar to previous undertakings, while efforts continue towards adopting a balanced and comprehensive Program of Work by consensus.
5. The Group further stresses the need to maintain a constructive atmosphere in the CD.

The G21 notes that there was considerable support for its above mentioned proposals, but regrets that the discussion on it remained inconclusive. In that regard the G21 reiterates the need for further discussions on its proposal as well as the importance of providing an opportunity for all delegates wishing to speak in Plenary to do so. The G21 reaffirms and asserts the right of every delegation to speak in the Plenary. Furthermore, the G21 appeals to all delegations that at this important juncture in the CD's work, it is important to maintain a constructive atmosphere while abiding by the rules of procedure.

In the interest of transparency, this letter is being transmitted to all delegations of the CD through the Regional Coordinators. The G21 further requests that this letter also be circulated as a formal document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed): Hisham Badr
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