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Chair: Mr. Román-Morey (Peru)

The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): Given that there is still a need for consultations among certain groups and States, I shall suspend the meeting until 10.45 a.m. That leaves more than 30 minutes for the meetings to conclude, after which time we will resume the plenary.

Before suspending the meeting, I would like formally to present the Chair's proposals for possible substantive agenda items. I shall now read out my proposals.

(*spoke in English*)

With regard to the "nuclear" agenda item, I propose "Recommendations for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures to achieve the objective of a nuclear-weapon-free world".

With regard to the "conventional" agenda item, I propose "Practical confidence-building-measures in the field of conventional weapons".

During the general debate, I propose holding discussions, in informal meetings, on working methods of the Disarmament Commission, with a draft outcome document to be submitted by a friend of the Chair, on his behalf, and adopted by consensus.

Also during the general debate, there would be discussions, in informal meetings, on elements for a

declaration of the fourth disarmament decade. A draft outcome document would be submitted by a friend of the Chair, on his behalf, and adopted by consensus.

After listening to the discussions on working methods and on elements for a declaration of the fourth disarmament decade, drafts of the outcome documents would be distributed well in advance, by friends of the Chair, in order to engage further in informal consultations in order to arrive at consensus. Final decisions would be taken in a plenary meeting of the Disarmament Commission.

Delegations should note that the adoption of new agenda items by the Disarmament Commission does not prejudice the consensual decision of working groups to use or not use any related documents worked on during previous sessions of the Commission as one of the bases for deliberations.

The meeting was suspended at 10.15 a.m. and resumed at 1.05 p.m.

The Chair (*spoke in Spanish*): My proposal, given that we will still need a little more time for pauses and instruction, is that we meet at 3 p.m., as arranged, for a maximum of one hour. In that hour, we should be able to resolve all the issues and adopt an agenda. Since I would not like to begin the general debate without having adopted an agenda, I have consulted with the Secretariat and apparently there is a mechanism we could use. I would, however, like to start the general debate on the Commission's substantive items with an adopted agenda.

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Let us take advantage of this to consider the issues three or four times over so that we can have a response this afternoon. I will be fully involved in discussing ways to reach agreement and, of course, during this break we

will try to find some additional language that will be acceptable to all.

The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.