

Conference on Disarmament

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Decision for the establishment of an informal working group

The Conference on Disarmament

1. *Decides* to establish an informal working group (hereinafter referred to as the Group), pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, with a mandate to produce a programme of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation.
2. *Also decides* to appoint Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador of Ecuador as Chairperson of the Group, and Mr. Peter Richard Woolcott, Ambassador of Australia as Vice-Chairperson.
3. *Further decides* that the Group shall be open to all member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those interested non-member States that the Conference has invited to participate, as observers, in its work during the 2013 session, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036).
4. *Requests* that, in its work, the Group shall use the rules of procedure of the Conference, mutatis mutandis. In particular, the Group shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus, as provided by rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.
5. *Also requests* that the Group shall meet during the remainder of the 2013 session and its timetable shall be established by its Chairperson in consultation with the President. During the intersessional period between the 2013 and 2014 sessions of the Conference, the Chairperson, upon agreement by the outgoing and incoming President, may convene informal consultations to prepare the work of the Group in 2014. Such informal consultations shall be open to all members and observers of the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 above.
6. *Further requests* that, should the Group not be able to complete its work during the 2013 Session, it will resume its work in the 2014 session in conformity with the present decision, if the member States of the Conference so decide.
7. *Invites* the Chairperson to report to the President of the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work of the Group at regular intervals and, at the President's request, to the plenary. The Chairperson will submit to the President the final report on the work of the Group. On that basis, and pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the President will draw up a programme of work of the Conference for consideration and adoption.