Fifty-eighth session
First Committee
Agenda item 75 (d)
Review of the implementation of the recommendations
and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its
tenth special session

Japan: draft resolution

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament,¹

Convinced that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral
disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role
in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament,

Recognizing the need to conduct multilateral negotiations with the aim of
reaching agreement on concrete issues,

Recalling, in this respect, that the Conference has a number of urgent and
important issues for negotiation,

Taking note of active discussions held on the programme of work during the
2003 session of the Conference, as duly reflected in the report and the records of the
plenary meetings,

Taking note also of significant contributions made during the 2003 session to
promote substantive discussions on issues on the agenda in the plenary meetings, as
well as of discussions held on other issues that could also be relevant to the current
international security environment,

Stressing the urgent need for the Conference to commence substantive work on
its agreed agenda items at this juncture,

1. Reaffirms the role of the Conference on Disarmament as the single
multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community;

2. Urges the Conference to fulfill that role in the light of the evolving international situation, with a view to making early substantive progress on priority items on its agenda;

3. Welcomes the strong collective interest of the Conference in commencing substantive work as soon as possible during its 2004 session;

4. Also welcomes the decision of the Conference to request its current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the inter-sessional period and, if possible, to make recommendations, taking into account all relevant proposals, including that contained in CD/1693/Rev.1, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations, as expressed in paragraph 38 of its report;

5. Requests all States members of the Conference to cooperate with the current President and successive Presidents in their efforts to guide the Conference to the early commencement of substantive work in its 2004 session;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision to the Conference of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services;

7. Requests the Conference to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament".