The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Disarmament Commission,¹


Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in the promotion of the implementation of the relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session,

1. Takes note of the report of the Disarmament Commission;¹

2. Reaffirms the validity of its decision 52/492 of 8 September 1998, concerning the efficient functioning of the Disarmament Commission;

3. Recalls its resolution 61/98, by which it adopted additional measures for improving the effectiveness of the Commission’s methods of work;

4. Reaffirms the mandate of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative body within the United Nations multilateral disarmament

machinery that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues;

5. Also reaffirms the importance of further enhancing the dialogue and cooperation among the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament;

6. Requests the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,2 and with paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, and to that end to make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”;3

7. Recommends that the Disarmament Commission include in the agenda of its 2009 substantive session an item entitled “Elements of a draft declaration of the 2010s as the fourth disarmament decade”, in accordance with resolution 61/67;

8. Also recommends that the Disarmament Commission intensify consultations with a view to reaching agreement on the remaining agenda items before the start of its substantive session of 2009;

9. Requests the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding three weeks during 2009, namely from 13 April to 1 May, and to submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament,4 together with all the official records of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Disarmament Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the necessary resources and services, including verbatim records, to that end;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled “Report of the Disarmament Commission”.

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2 Resolution S-10/2.
3 A/CN.10/137.