Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the First Committee (A/65/410)]

65/66. Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

The General Assembly,


Recalling also that, there being a consensus to do so in each case, three special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament were held in 1978, 1982 and 1988, respectively,

Bearing in mind the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, adopted by consensus at the first special session devoted to disarmament,¹

Bearing in mind also the ultimate objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Taking note of the fact that the Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries supported the convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, which would offer an opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the disarmament process and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favour of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by the Heads of State and Government during the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, held

¹ Resolution S-10/2.
in New York from 6 to 8 September 2000, in which the Heads of State and Government resolved “to strive for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons, and to keep all options open for achieving this aim, including the possibility of convening an international conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers”.

_Reiterating its conviction_ that a special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament can set the future course of action in the fields of disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation and related international security matters,

_Emphazising_ the importance of multilateralism in the process of disarmament, arms control, non-proliferation and related international security matters,

_Taking note_ of the paper presented by the Chairman of Working Group II during the 1999 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, and the written proposals and views submitted by Member States as contained in the working papers presented during the three substantive sessions of the Open-ended Working Group in 2003, as well as the reports of the Secretary-General regarding the views of Member States on the objectives, agenda and timing of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament,

_Taking note also_ of the reports of the Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament,

_Expressing deep concern_ that the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament is yet to be convened, despite efforts made in this regard,

1. _Decides_ to convene an Open-ended Working Group, working on the basis of consensus, to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

2. _Also decides_ that the Open-ended Working Group shall hold its organizational session as soon as possible for the purpose of setting a date for its substantive sessions in 2011 and 2012, and submit a report on its work, including possible substantive recommendations, before the end of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

3. _Requests_ the Secretary-General, from within available resources, to provide the Open-ended Working Group with the necessary assistance and services as may be required to discharge its tasks;

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2 See resolution 55/2.
4 See A/AC.268/2003/WP.2.
5 A/55/130 and Add.1, A/56/166 and A/57/120.
4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled “Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament”.

*60th plenary meeting*

*8 December 2010*