The objective of the non-paper may be ambitious, but it is constructive and aimed at generating broad consensus in the UNGA.

The focus of the initiative is not aimed at the reform of the multilateral disarmament institutions but at providing a credible impulse to the immediate start of substantive work on all priority issues on the CD agenda in a balanced manner.

The initiative conforms to the acquis from SSOD I.

The main objective of the initiative is to call on the CD members to overcome their differences and to adopt and implement a CD programme of work with a view to commencing negotiations as soon as possible.

The initiative provides an incentive for the CD to move forward early in 2012. If the CD adopts and implements its program of work and is able to commence substantive work, this working group mechanism will not be triggered.

The Working Groups would conduct their work in Geneva making use of existing and currently underused resources and infrastructure.

The initiative provides a window of opportunity for and is complementary with other emerging initiatives (for instance intersessional consultations by the P5) aimed at achieving a breakthrough in early in 2012.

The 67th GA will decide whether the mandates of the working groups would be extended or terminated, taking into consideration progress on the adoption and implementation of a Programme of Work in the Conference on Disarmament. Any recommendations and results of the working groups back to the CD, if the latter resumes substantive work. (Repatriation)
Draft Elements of an UNGA 66 First Committee Resolution
"Taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations"

The General Assembly,

PP1 Deeply concerned at the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons;

PP2 Recalling the declaration of the first special session on disarmament, that “all the peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations”, and that “all states have the right to participate in disarmament negotiations”;

PP3 Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration, which states, inter alia, that the responsibility for managing worldwide economic and social development, as well as threats to international peace and security, must be shared among the nations of the world and should be exercised multilaterally and that, as the most universal and most representative organization in the world, the United Nations must play the central role,

PP4 Reaffirming multilateralism as a core and fundamental principle in negotiations in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation with a view to maintaining and strengthening universal norms and enlarging their scope,

PP5 Recognizing the importance of disarmament in strengthening global security and promoting international stability;

PP6 Recognizing that prevention of an arms race in outer space would avert a grave danger for international peace and security,

PP7 Recalling the contribution made in the past by the Conference on Disarmament in successfully negotiating arms control and disarmament instruments;

PP8 Mindful of the continuing requirement for a single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, as expressed during the first special session devoted to disarmament;

PP9 Concerned at the continuing impasse in the Conference on Disarmament;

PP10 Taking into account all past efforts to foster agreement on a Programme of Work in the Conference on Disarmament and recalling in this context the most recent agreement reached in the CD,
PP11 Recognizing the increased political attention to disarmament and non-proliferation issues and that the international political climate is more conducive to the promotion of multilateral disarmament and moving towards the goal of a world without nuclear weapons;

PP12 Recalling the strong support of the Secretary-General with regard to revitalizing the multilateral disarmament machinery, as well as the continuous efforts by Member States to secure progress in multilateral disarmament, including the five permanent members of the Security Council to facilitate progress with respect to negotiations of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, and also recalling in this context, inter alia, Resolution 1887 (2209) adopted by the Security Council at its 6191st meeting, on 24 September 2009 and the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan;

PP13 Recalling the High-Level meeting on revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations, held in New York on 24 September 2010 and the Resolution A/RES/65/93 “Follow-up to the high-level meeting held on 24 September 2010: revitalizing the work of the Conference on Disarmament and taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations”;

PP14 Emphasizing the importance of substantive progress on priority disarmament and non-proliferation issues;

PP15 Recognizing the important contribution that civil society can make to multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control processes;

PP16 Mindful of Article 11 of the United Nations Charter, concerning the functions and powers of the General Assembly to consider and make recommendations inter alia with regard to disarmament;

OP1 Urges all members states of the CD to do their utmost during the 2011/2012 inter-sessional period to overcome outstanding differences regarding the adoption and implementation of a program of work and, thus, the commencement of negotiations in the CD at the beginning of the 2012 session;

OP2 Calls upon the CD to adopt and implement a program of work during the first part of the 2012 session of the CD, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the CD, to enable the immediate commencement of negotiations;

OP3 Should the decision on a program of work not have been reached and such program of work not been implemented as stipulated in OP2, decides the following:

To establish by [date in ....2012] two open ended working groups for the purpose of immediate commencement of substantive work on the following issues:
i) Nuclear Disarmament to deal with, *inter alia*,
   - nuclear disarmament and the achievement of a world without nuclear weapons,
   - effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,
   - a non-discriminatory multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

ii) Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space;

*OP4* That the Working Groups **shall take into consideration** all relevant views and proposals past, present and future not excluding the possibility of initiating negotiations on legally binding instruments on any of the aforementioned issues, as deemed appropriate.

*OP5* That the work of the Working Groups listed in OP3 **will take place** in Geneva and convene for up to [….] weeks\(^1\).

(possible OP5 bis with the names of the Chairs/dates)

*OP6 To request* that the Working Groups listed in OP3 seek to develop recommendations and submit a consolidated report on their work to the sixty-seventh General Assembly, which will assess their progress and decide on extending their mandates, taking into consideration progress on the adoption and implementation of a Programme of Work in the Conference on Disarmament.

*OP7 To request* the Secretary-General to provide, within existing resources, the necessary support to convene the work of the Working Groups listed in OP3.

*OP8 To include* in the provisional agenda of its 67\(^{th}\) session an item entitled “Taking forward multilateral disarmament negotiations”.

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\(^1\) (to be decided in conjunction with dates in OP3.)