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Agenda item 97 (a)
General and complete disarmament: treaty banning
the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons
or other nuclear explosive devices

Canada: draft resolution

Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear
weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/75 L of 16 December 1993, 53/77 I of 4 December
of 2 December 2009, 65/65 of 8 December 2010, 66/44 of 2 December 2011 and
67/53 of 3 December 2012, as well as its decisions 68/518 and 69/516 on the subject
of banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear
explosive devices,

Reaffirming the importance of ensuring continued international commitment
and high-level attention to making practical progress on achieving a world without
nuclear weapons and on non-proliferation in all its aspects,

Mindful of the continuing importance and relevance of the Conference on
Disarmament, and recalling the past achievements of that body in successfully
negotiating non-proliferation and disarmament agreements,

Convinced that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and
effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear
weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would represent a practical contribution
to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation efforts,

Noting with appreciation the submissions by 37 Member States and the
European Union to the Secretary-General of views on a treaty banning the
production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive


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devices, including possible aspects thereof, and the subsequent report submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General at its sixty-eighth session.¹

Welcoming the work accomplished in 2014 and 2015 by the Group of 25 Governmental Experts convened by the Secretary-General, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, to make recommendations on possible aspects that could contribute to but not negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices,

1. Urges the Conference on Disarmament to agree on and implement a balanced and comprehensive programme of work that includes the immediate commencement of negotiations on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices on the basis of document CD/1299 and the mandate contained therein;

2. Welcomes the adoption by consensus of the report of the Group of Governmental Experts, mandated in resolution 67/53, as contained in document A/70/81;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General, building on the report contained in document A/68/154 and Add.1, to seek the views of Member States on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts and to submit a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

4. Urges Member States to give due consideration to the report of the Group of Governmental Experts, calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to fully examine the report and consider further action as appropriate, and encourages Conference members to include in their delegations technical experts as may be required to facilitate deliberations on issues identified in the report;

5. Calls upon future negotiators of a treaty to take into account the work of the Group of Governmental Experts as appropriate in their deliberations;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices”.

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¹ A/68/154.