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Draft I

**Draft proposal for the establishment of Ad Hoc Committees of the
Conference on Disarmament**

The Conference on Disarmament takes the following decisions:

1. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2004 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to deal with nuclear disarmament. The Ad Hoc Committee shall exchange information and views on practical steps for progressive and systematic efforts to attain this objective.

In discharging its functions, the Ad Hoc Committee shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future, and also address questions related to its mandate.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2004 session.

The mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be reviewed, as appropriate, taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals and the prospects for future work.

2. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2004 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2004 session.

3. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2004 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to deal with the prevention of an arms race in outer space. The Ad Hoc Committee shall identify and examine, without limitation, any specific topics or proposals, which could include confidence-building or transparency measures, general principles, treaty commitments and the elaboration of a regime capable of preventing an arms race in outer space, including the possibility of negotiating relevant international legal instrument.

In doing so, the Ad Hoc Committee shall take appropriate account of the need to contribute actively to the objective of the peaceful use of outer space and the prevention of an arms race there, while also promoting international stability and respecting the principle of undiminished security for all.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2004 session.

The mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be reviewed as appropriate, taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals and the prospects for future work.

4. The Conference establishes, for the duration of the 2004 session, an Ad Hoc Committee under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. These arrangements could take the form of an internationally legally binding instrument.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 2004 session.

The mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be reviewed, as appropriate, taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals and the prospects for future work.

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Draft II

Draft proposal for the appointment of Special Coordinators

The Conference on Disarmament takes the following decisions:-

- 1) The Conference appoints a Special Coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: radiological weapons" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

In implementing this decision, the Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report to the Conference on Disarmament before the conclusion of the 2004 session.

- 2) The Conference appoints a Special Coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" to seek the views of its Members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

In implementing this decision, the Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report to the Conference on Disarmament before the conclusion of the 2004 session.

- 3) The Conference appoints a Special Coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

In implementing this decision, the Special Coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals, present and future.

The Conference requests the Special Coordinator to present a report to the Conference on Disarmament before the conclusion of the 2004 session.