

**Amendments
to the draft report of the Conference on Disarmament (CD/WP.535)**

1. Amend **paragraph 3** to read as follows:

The following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament during its 2004 session: Mr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CD/PV.944), Mr. Bill Graham, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.951), Mr. Brian Cowen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland (CD/PV.951), Mr. Reaz Rahman, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh (CD/PV.951), Ms. Laila Freivalds Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden (CD/PV.951), Mr. Bernard Bot, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (CD/PV.952) and Mr. Tyrone Fernando, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka (CD/PV.953). The Conference welcomed their addresses as expressions of support for the endeavours of the Conference on Disarmament and to its role as the single multilateral negotiating forum in the field of disarmament.

2. Amend the chapeau of **paragraph 10** to read as follows:

Following discussions at the informal plenary meeting on 22 January 2004, the Conference adopted, at its 943rd plenary meeting on 27 January 2004, its agenda for the 2004 session in conformity with the Rules of Procedure. The agenda (CD/1725) reads as follows:
[...]

3. Amend **paragraph 12** to read as follows:

During the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work. In the course of these consultations, a number of informal proposals related to a programme of work were put forward. The Conference did not, however, agree on a programme of work and did not re-establish or establish any mechanism on any of its specific agenda items during the 2004 session.

4. Amend **paragraph 13** to read as follows:

During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations and groups of delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, taking into account all relevant



proposals, including those submitted as the documents of the Conference on Disarmament since 2000. Statements were made by some delegations emphasizing that linkage should not be established between elements of a programme of work while other delegations stressed the need for a comprehensive approach. Support for proposals and ideas on a programme of work is duly reflected in the plenary records.

5. Amend **paragraph 22** to read as follows:

Significant contributions were made to promote substantive discussions on the issues on the agenda, and furthermore contributions were also made to promote discussions on other issues that could be relevant to the current international security environment. The substantive work of the Conference during its 2004 session was based on its agenda. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2004, and the verbatim records of the meetings of the Conference, are attached as Appendix II to the report.

6. Reverse the order of **paragraphs 23** and **24**.

7. Insert new paragraph after **paragraph 28**

At the 966th plenary meeting, on 26 August 2004, the delegations of China and the Russian Federation distributed two non-papers entitled "Existing International Legal Instruments and Prevention of the Weaponization of Outer Space" and "Verification Aspects of PAROS".

8. Amend **paragraph 35** to read as follows:

The priority of the Conference on Disarmament is to reach agreement on a programme of work and begin substantive work as soon as possible. The Member States, therefore, agreed to hold informal plenary meetings with a view to facilitating efforts to reach such agreement.

9. Amend **paragraph 36** to read as follows:

A total of [...] informal plenary meetings were held.

10. Insert new paragraph after **paragraph 36**

Under the presidency of Kenya, intensive consultations were held on the agenda and on convening a series of informal plenary meetings on the issues on the agenda of the Conference on Disarmament.

11. Amend **paragraph 37** to read as follows:

Under the presidency of Malaysia, one open-ended informal consultation was held on a work programme on 9 March 2004.

12. Amend **paragraph 38** to read as follows:

At the 954th Plenary Session of the Conference, under the Presidency of Mexico, a timetable was circulated with a schedule of informal plenary meetings to deal with each item of the agenda in a systematic and organized way. Consequently under the presidency of Mexico, the following informal plenary meetings were held:

- on 13 May 2004 on agenda item 1: Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament,
- on 18 May 2004 on agenda item 2: Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters,

13. Amend **paragraph 41** to read as follows:

Under the presidency of Myanmar, the following informal plenary meetings were held:

- on 24 August 2004 on "How to Move Forward on Substantive Issues/Programme of Work";
- on 31 August 2004 on "Assessment and Stock-taking of Informal Plenary Meetings".

14. Amend **paragraph 42** to read as follows:

These informal plenary meetings were considered to be useful and constructive. Appreciation was expressed by all Member States of the Conference on Disarmament for the convening of these informal plenary meetings. There was a general feeling among the Member States of the Conference that efforts should be further intensified in conducting consultations and in exploring possibilities with a view to reaching an agreement on a programme of work.

15. Amend **paragraph 44** to read as follows:

With a view to commencing early substantive work during its 2005 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations, taking into account all relevant proposals, including those submitted as the documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

16. Renumber the paragraphs accordingly to reflect the inclusion of the new paragraphs.
