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Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution 67/56 of 3 December 2012, which established an Open-ended Working Group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons,

Deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons,

Recalling the Declaration of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament,¹ which states, inter alia, 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,

Reaffirming the role and functions of the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission, as set out in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,²

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³ which states, inter alia, that 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,

¹ Resolution S-10/2, sect. II.

² Ibid., sect. IV.

³ Resolution 55/2.

Welcoming the efforts by Member States to secure progress in multilateral disarmament and the support of the Secretary-General for such efforts, and noting in this regard the Secretary-General's five-point proposal on nuclear disarmament,⁴

Recalling the outcome, including the action points, of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,⁵

Reaffirming the absolute validity of multilateral diplomacy in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, and determined to promote multilateralism as an essential way to develop arms regulation and disarmament negotiations,

Recognizing the absence of concrete outcomes of multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations within the United Nations framework for more than a decade,

Recognizing also 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,

Welcoming the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament held on 26 September 2013 pursuant to resolution 67/39, which highlighted the wish of the international community for progress in this field,

Emphasizing the importance and urgency of substantive progress on priority disarmament and non-proliferation issues,

Recognizing the important contribution that civil society makes to multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control processes,

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

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Open-ended Working Group established by the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly (A/RES/67/56), which met during 2013 as a step towards taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons, engaged in discussions in an open, constructive, transparent and interactive manner to address various issues related to nuclear disarmament;

2. *Welcomes* the report of the work of the Open-ended Working Group (A/68/514), reflecting the discussions and proposals made during its deliberations to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons;

⁴ Available from www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear/sg5point.shtml

⁵ *2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document*, vols. I-III (NPT/CONF.2010/50 (Vols. I-III)).

3. *Recognizes* the value of the contribution that international organizations, civil society, academia and research make to taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations, as demonstrated during the work of the Open-ended Working Group;

4. *Emphasizes* that the universal objective of taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations remains the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons, and *further emphasizes* the importance of addressing issues related to nuclear weapons in a comprehensive, interactive and constructive manner, for the advancement of multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary General to transmit the report of the Open-ended Working Group to the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission for their consideration;

6. *Calls on all* Member States, international organizations and civil society to continue enriching the discussions on how to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations in the UN bodies where disarmament and peace and security are addressed, taking into account the report of the Open-ended Working Group and the proposals contained therein;

7. *Encourages* Member States, international organizations and civil society to take into account the report of the Open-ended Working Group and the proposals contained therein in the discussions in other fora where humanitarian, health, human rights, environmental and development affairs are addressed;

8. *Requests* the Secretary General to seek the views of Member States on how to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations, including on steps Member States have already taken to that end, and to submit a report on that subject to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

9. *Decides* to review at its sixty-ninth session progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and to further explore options for taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations, including if necessary through the Open-ended Working Group;

10. *Reaffirms* the urgency to secure substantive progress in multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations and *welcomes* further efforts in this respect;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session an item entitled “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations”.