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**General and complete disarmament: youth, disarmament
and non-proliferation**

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2023

[on the report of the First Committee ([A/78/409](#), para. 89)]

78/31. Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [74/64](#) of 12 December 2019 and [76/45](#) of 6 December 2021,

Recalling also its resolution [75/1](#) of 21 September 2020 on the declaration on the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, in which the Heads of State and Government representing the peoples of the world have committed to listen to and work with youth,

Recognizing that young people in all countries are key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation,

Reaffirming the important and positive contribution that young people can make to the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Noting that engagement with young people can provide opportunities to benefit from their views, insights and ideas,

Bearing in mind its resolution [77/52](#) of 7 December 2022, which highlights the need for disarmament and non-proliferation education, particularly among youth,

Recalling its resolution [77/55](#) of 7 December 2022, in which it reaffirmed that the full, equal and meaningful participation of both women and men is one of the essential factors for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Recalling also its resolution [76/306](#) of 8 September 2022, in which it underlined the important role of youth in the promotion of peace and security, and established the United Nations Youth Office to promote meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement of youth in the United Nations system,



Recalling further relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on the issue of youth, peace and security,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on youth, disarmament and non-proliferation, submitted pursuant to resolution 76/45,¹ on the views of Member States, the United Nations, other relevant international and regional organizations and civil society organizations on the issue of the promotion of youth engagement and empowerment activities in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation, in which the Secretary-General reported on the implementation of the resolution,

Noting the launch on 24 September 2018 of Youth 2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy, which includes peace and security as a thematic priority area,

Noting also action 38 of the disarmament agenda put forward by the Secretary-General, in which he describes the young generation as the ultimate force for change and proposes actions to promote youth engagement,

Mindful of the initiatives and activities undertaken by Member States, the United Nations entities and relevant civil society organizations for the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth² and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,³

Acknowledging the initiatives and activities undertaken by Member States, the United Nations, other relevant international and regional organizations and civil society organizations to engage, educate and empower youth in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation,

Recognizing the role of civil society in promoting the engagement of young people in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation,

1. *Encourages Member States, the United Nations, relevant specialized agencies and regional and subregional organizations to continue to promote the meaningful and inclusive participation of young people in discussions in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, including through dialogue platforms, mentoring, internships, fellowships, scholarships, model events and youth group activities;*

2. *Calls upon Member States, the United Nations, relevant specialized agencies and regional and subregional organizations to consider developing and implementing policies and programmes for young people to increase and facilitate their constructive engagement in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation;*

3. *Stresses the importance of realizing the full potential of young people through education and capacity-building, bearing in mind the ongoing efforts and the need to promote the sustainable entry of young people into the field of disarmament and non-proliferation;*

4. *Notes the holding of a youth panel discussion in formal plenary session by the Conference on Disarmament on 10 August 2023, during which youth participants expressed their readiness to contribute to the consideration of issues of disarmament and non-proliferation, including those on the agenda of the Conference;*

5. *Requests the Secretary-General to seek specific measures to promote the meaningful and inclusive participation and empowerment of youth on disarmament and non-proliferation issues, including through the effective utilization of the dedicated digital platform Youth4Disarmament,⁴ and through token grants and awards supported by voluntary contributions with a view to building upon established*

¹ A/78/164.

² Resolution 50/81, annex, and resolution 62/126, annex.

³ See resolution 70/1.

⁴ <https://youth4disarmament.org>.

networks and strengthening coordination and partnership with and among Member States, the United Nations, relevant specialized agencies and regional and subregional organizations, and civil society, including youth-led and youth-focused organizations;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States, the United Nations, other relevant international and regional organizations and civil society organizations on the issue of the promotion of youth engagement and empowerment activities in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its eightieth session;

7. *Encourages* Member States to continue efforts to raise awareness and strengthen coordination within the United Nations system and beyond on the ongoing efforts to promote the role of youth;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eightieth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation”.

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