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Agenda item 100 (a)

**Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the Conference on Disarmament**

## **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 2 December 2024**

[on the report of the First Committee ([A/79/410](#), para. 12)]

### **79/71. Report of the Conference on Disarmament**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Conference on Disarmament,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution [78/61](#) of 4 December 2023,

*Convinced* that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament,

*Recognizing* the addresses of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and other high-level officials in the Conference on Disarmament, and referring to their various expressions of support for and concern about the endeavours of the Conference and calls for the Conference to commence negotiations without delay to advance disarmament goals through the adoption of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work,

*Recognizing also* the need to conduct multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching agreement on concrete issues, and emphasizing the importance of effective multilateralism in the context of the changing international climate,

*Welcoming* the intensive efforts by States members and Presidents of the Conference on Disarmament at its 2024 session, which resulted in thematic discussions on the agenda items of the Conference at its plenary meetings and established subsidiary bodies to advance substantive work on all agenda items, while also expressing concern that the Conference did not reach consensus on a programme

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<sup>1</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 27 ([A/79/27](#)).



of work, nor did the Conference succeed in commencing its substantive work by means of negotiations,

*Recalling*, in this respect, that the Conference on Disarmament has a number of priority issues for negotiation to achieve disarmament goals,

*Welcoming* the overwhelming call for greater flexibility with respect to implementing the mandate of the Conference on Disarmament on the basis of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work,

*Underlining* the need for continued cooperation among the States members of the Conference on Disarmament as well as among the successive Presidents of the Conference,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts, contributions and decisions made at the 2024 session to promote substantive discussions on issues on the agenda, including, inter alia, the decisions on the work of the Conference on Disarmament on the establishment of five subsidiary bodies for the 2024 session, adopted on 13 and 19 June 2024, and the adoption of the reports of the five subsidiary bodies by the Conference on Disarmament,

*Reaffirming* the importance of multilateralism and the principle of inclusivity in the work of the Conference on Disarmament, and noting with continued regret that the latter has once again not been sufficiently ensured,<sup>2</sup> while recalling in this regard the rules of procedure of the Conference,

*Acknowledging* the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, as a stand-alone, autonomous institution, and the contribution that its research makes,

*Recognizing* the importance of engagement between civil society and the Conference on Disarmament according to decisions taken by the Conference,

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community;
2. *Appreciates* the strong support expressed for the Conference on Disarmament at its 2024 session by Ministers for Foreign Affairs and other high-level officials, while also acknowledging their concern about its ongoing impasse of more than two decades, and takes into account their calls for greater flexibility with respect to commencing the substantive work of the Conference without further delay;
3. *Calls upon* the Conference on Disarmament to further intensify consultations and to explore possibilities for overcoming its ongoing deadlock by adopting and implementing a balanced and comprehensive programme of work at the earliest possible date during its 2025 session, bearing in mind the decision on the programme of work adopted by the Conference on 29 May 2009,<sup>3</sup> as well as other relevant present, past and future proposals;
4. *Notes with appreciation* the decisions of the Conference on Disarmament on the establishment of subsidiary bodies on agenda items 1 to 4 and one on agenda items 5, 6 and 7,<sup>4</sup> for the 2024 session, and welcomes the adoption by the Conference of the reports of the five subsidiary bodies, and the recommendations contained therein, inter alia, to resume their work in 2025;
5. *Encourages* the current President and the incoming President of the Conference on Disarmament to conduct consultations on the activities of the Conference in fulfilling its mandate during the intersessional period and, if possible,

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid., para. 10.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., *Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/64/27)*, para. 18.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., *Seventy-ninth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/79/27)*, paras. 13 and 14.

to make recommendations, taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations;

6. *Requests* the current President and successive Presidents of the Conference on Disarmament to cooperate with the States members of the Conference in the effort to guide the Conference to the early commencement of its substantive work, including negotiations, at its 2025 session;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of continuing consultations in 2025 on the question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference on Disarmament;

8. *Calls upon* the Conference on Disarmament to undertake substantive efforts to ensure inclusivity and multilateralism in its work, including through participation at its sessions, in accordance with its rules of procedure;<sup>5</sup>

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure and to strengthen, if needed, the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of all necessary administrative, substantive and conference support services;

10. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to submit to the General Assembly at its eightieth session a report on its work;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eightieth session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session”, the sub-item entitled “Report of the Conference on Disarmament”.

*44th plenary meeting  
2 December 2024*

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<sup>5</sup> [CD/8/Rev.10](#), paras. 32–36.