

# Conference on Disarmament

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## Report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations

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## I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations its annual report on its 2023 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

## II. Organization of the work of the Conference

### A. 2023 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 23 January to 31 March, 15 May to 30 June and 31 July to 15 September 2023. During this period, the Conference held 50 formal plenary meetings, at which member States outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held 14 informal plenary meetings.

4. The Presidency was assumed in accordance with rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, as specified in Appendix I to this report.

5. At the second plenary meeting of the 2023 session on 26 January 2023, Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1646). She also addressed the Conference on 23 May 2023 (CD/PV.1670). At the plenary meeting on 8 August 2023, Ms. C. Mélanie Régimbal, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference and Chief of Service of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, briefed the Conference (CD/PV.1683).

6. Upon the joint invitation, by a letter dated 17 January 2023, of the first President of the Conference and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference during its high-level segment: Mr. Gedion Timothewos, Minister of Justice of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (CD/PV.1655); Mr. Micheál Martin, T.D., Tánaiste, Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland (CD/PV.1655); Ms. Catherine Colonna, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs of France (CD/PV.1655); Ms. Ana Cecilia Gervasi Diaz, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru (CD/PV.1655); Mr. Johan Forssell, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Sweden (CD/PV.1655); Ms. Bonnie Jenkins, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security of the U.S. Department of State (CD/PV.1655); Mr. Leo Docherty, MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office of the United Kingdom (CD/PV.1655); Ms. Annalena Baerbock, Federal Foreign Minister of Germany (CD/PV.1655); Mr. Omar Al-Barzanchi, Deputy Foreign Minister for Multilateral Relations and Legal Affairs of the Republic of Iraq (CD/PV.1655); Ms. Retno L.P. Marsudi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (CD/PV.1655); Ms. Anniken Huitfeldt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway (CD/PV.1656); Mr. Wopke Hoekstra, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (CD/PV.1656); Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland (CD/PV.1656); Ms. Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium (CD/PV.1656); Ms. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.1656); Mr. Datuk Mohamad Alamin, Deputy Foreign Minister of Malaysia (CD/PV.1656); Mr. Juan Carlos Holguín Maldonado, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility of Ecuador (CD/PV.1656); Mr. Santiago Andrés Cafiero, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina (CD/PV.1656); Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Park Yongmin, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Antonio Tajani, Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Fayssal Mekdad, Minister for

Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Syrian Arab Republic (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Hayashi Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1657); Ms. Marjolijn Van Deelen EU Special Envoy for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, Head of Division for Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Arms Export Control of the European External Action Service (CD/PV.1657); Ms. Candith Mashego-Dlamini, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa (CD/PV.1657); Ms. Aïssata Tall Sall, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad of the Republic of Senegal (CD/PV.1657); Mr. Fredrick M. Shava, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe (CD/PV.1658); Mr. Tim Watts, MP Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia (CD/PV.1658); Mr. Bogdan Lucian Aureescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (CD/PV.1658); Mr. Rastislav Káčer, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (CD/PV.1658); Mr. Yván Gil Pinto, Minister of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (CD/PV.1658); Mr. Paulino Franco de Carvalho Neto, Ambassador Secretary for Multilateral Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil (CD/PV.1659); Ms. Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control of New Zealand (CD/PV.1659); Mr. Nikolay Milkov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria (CD/PV.1659); Mr. Nabil Ammar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Migration and Tunisians Abroad (CD/PV.1659); Mr. Bruno Eduardo Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba (CD/PV.1660); Mr. Sergey Ryabkov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (CD/PV.1661); Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan (CD/PV.1661); Ms. Martha Delgado Peralta, Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico (CD/PV.1661); Mr. Wojciech Gerwel, Undersecretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland (CD/PV.1661); Mr. Ahmed Ihab Gamaleldin, Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt (CD/PV.1661); Mr. Anupam Ray, Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/PV.1661); Mr. Abidoun Richards Adejola, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nigeria (CD/PV.1661); Ms. Yevheniia Filipenko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine (CD/PV.1661); Mr. Gustavo Gallón, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia (CD/PV.1661); Mr. Ignacio Sánchez De Lerín García-Ovies, Permanent Representative of Spain to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/PV.1661); Ms. Himalee Arunatilaka, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka (CD/PV.1662); Mr. Mohammad Sufiur Rahman (CD/PV.1662); Ms. Arzu Erçelik Vandeweyer, Deputy Permanent Representative of Türkiye (CD/PV.1662); Mr. Anthony Mathenge, First Counsellor Permanent Mission of Kenya (CD/PV.1662); Ms. Tsholofelo Glenda Tsheole, Deputy Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 21 (CD/PV.1662); Mr. Lazhar Soualem, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Algeria (CD/PV.1662). During the third Presidency of the Conference, Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, Joint Secretary, Disarmament & International Security Affairs Division of India (CD/PV.1669) addressed the Conference. During the fourth Presidency of the Conference, Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (CD/PV.1677) addressed the Conference.

7. The substantive Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. C. Mélanie Régimbal, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference and Chief of Service of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; Mr. Michael Spies, Senior Political Affairs Officer; Ms. Silvia Mercogliano, Political Affairs Officer; Ms. Eunsong Choi, Associate Political Affairs Officer and Ms. Alice Marzi, Associate Political Affairs Officer.

## **B. Participants in the work of the Conference**

8. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy,

Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

### C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

9. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received 39 requests for participation in its work as contained in CD/WP.650 and Add.1. The Conference did not take any decision on the requests, due to different views on procedural aspects. The views of delegations on the matter are duly reflected in the plenary records.

### D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2023 session

10. At its 1645<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting on 24 January 2023, a draft agenda was presented by the first President of the Conference and reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure. The Conference on Disarmament adopted the following agenda (CD/2313) for the 2023 session (CD/PV.1645):

“Taking into account, *inter alia*, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2023 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.
8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations.”

11. Subsequently, the first President of the Conference made the following statement: “In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.”

12. The first President of the Conference, the second President of the Conference and the third President of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a decision regarding a programme of work on the basis of the informal proposal circulated to Member States, as contained in CD/WP.652. Delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, taking account of relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records (CD/PV.1653). However, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, as noted by the third President of the Conference, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching a consensus on a programme of work. Therefore, no further consultations on this matter were held.

### **E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference**

13. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

14. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 28 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, North Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

### **F. Review of the agenda of the Conference**

15. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

16. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

- (a) CD/2334.

### **G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference**

17. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

18. The following documents were submitted to the Conference:

- (a) CD/2323;
- (b) CD/2328;
- (c) CD/2335.

### **H. The Conference and non-governmental organizations, including communications from non-governmental organizations**

19. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

20. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations or their representatives was circulated to the Conference (CD/NGC/51).

## **III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2023 session**

21. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

22. The Conference held informal meetings on the following topics:

- (a) "Disarmament and gender in the context of women, peace and security" on 23 May;
- (b) "Responsible development and employment of artificial intelligence in the military domain" on 3 August;
- (c) "The disarmament aspects of the New Agenda for Peace" on 8 August;
- (d) The improved and effective functioning of the Conference on 17 August.

23. The following documents were submitted to the Conference on the topics of the informal meetings:

- (a) CD/2323;
- (b) CD/2325;
- (c) CD/2328;
- (d) CD/2335;
- (e) CD/2363.

24. The list of documents issued by the Conference is included in Appendix II to this report. Verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference and related information as to country and subject are digitally available online.

25. The Conference had before it a letter dated 5 January 2023 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session in 2022, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/2314). The latter are listed below:

77/39	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (Tenth, twelfth, thirteenth, and sixteenth preambular paragraphs; operative paragraphs 2, 4, and 5)
77/40	Prevention of an arms race in outer space (Sixth, eleventh, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twenty-first preambular paragraphs; operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8)
77/41	Destructive direct-ascent anti-satellite testing
77/42	No first placement of weapons in outer space (Ninth preambular paragraph; operative paragraphs 2 and 3)
77/43	Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (Seventh preambular paragraph)
77/47	Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (Fifteenth preambular paragraph; operative paragraphs 4, 6, and 13)
77/57	Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons (Fourteenth and fifteenth preambular paragraphs) 77/59 Regional disarmament (Operative paragraph 1)
77/59	Regional disarmament (Operative paragraph 1)
77/61	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (Operative paragraph 2)
77/65	Nuclear disarmament (Sixteenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first preambular paragraphs; operative paragraphs 16, 17, and 20)
77/67	Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world (Ninth preambular paragraph)
77/68	Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (Second, third, eighth and eleventh preambular paragraphs; operative paragraph 1)
77/69	Transparency in armament (Operative paragraph 6 and 9)

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77/76	Steps to building a common road map towards a world without nuclear weapons (Operative paragraph 6)
77/82	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (Ninth preambular paragraph; operative paragraphs 1 and 2)
77/85	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (Third preambular paragraph)
77/87	United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (Operative paragraph 5)
77/89	Report of the Conference on Disarmament (First, third, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and twelfth preambular paragraphs; operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)
77/90	Report of the Disarmament Commission (Operative paragraph 2 and 10) 77/250 Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (Ninth, eleventh, and twelfth preambular paragraphs; operative paragraphs 4, 5, 11 and 12)
77/250	Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space (Ninth, eleventh, and twelfth preambular paragraphs; operative paragraphs 4, 5, 11 and 12)
77/251	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities (Sixth and eighth preambular paragraphs; operative paragraph 3)

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26. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

- (a) CD/2338.

#### **A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament**

27. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

28. On the proposal of the third President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda 1 entitled “Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament” were held on 23 March, on 28 March, on 16 May and on 17 May. On the proposal of the fifth President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda 1 entitled “Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament” were held on 10 August and on 15 August.

29. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2311;
- (b) CD/2315;
- (c) CD/2318;
- (d) CD/2324;
- (e) CD/2326;
- (f) CD/2341;
- (g) CD/2342.

#### **B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters**

30. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.



31. On the proposal of the fourth President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters" were held on 13 June and on 15 June. On the proposal of the fifth President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters" were held on 10 August.

32. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2312;
- (b) CD/2330;
- (c) CD/2341;
- (d) CD/2342.

### **C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space**

33. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

34. On the proposal of the third President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" were held on 30 March.

35. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2333;
- (b) CD/2339.

### **D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons**

36. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

37. On the proposal of the first President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" were held on 31 January and on 9 February.

38. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2317;
- (b) CD/2319;
- (c) CD/2340.

### **E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons**

39. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

40. On the proposal of the third President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" were held on 25 May.

41. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2337.

## **F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament**

42. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

43. On the proposal of the third President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" were held on 23 May. On the proposal of the fourth President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" were held on 1 June and on 20 June. On the proposal of the fifth President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" were held on 3 August and on 8 August.

44. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2331.

## **G. Transparency in armaments**

45. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

46. On the proposal of the third President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" were held on 17 May. On the proposal of the fourth President of the Conference, thematic discussions on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" were held on 6 June and on 8 June.

47. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

- (a) CD/2329.

## **H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures**

48. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

49. Various thematic discussions were held on specific topics:

- (a) "Nuclear-weapons-free zones", under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international agreements to assure non-nuclear States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", on the proposal of the first President of the Conference, on 31 January;
- (b) "Nuclear risk reduction and its contribution to nuclear disarmament", under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", on the proposal of the third President of the Conference, on 23 and 28 March;
- (c) "Transparency in armaments, including transparency on nuclear doctrines and arsenals", under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments", on the proposal of the fourth President of the Conference, on 6 and 8 June;
- (d) "Nuclear disarmament verification", under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", on the proposal of the fifth President of the Conference, on 15 August.

50. The following documents were submitted to the conference:

- (a) CD/2316;
- (b) CD/2320;
- (c) CD/2321;

(d) CD/2322;

(e) CD/2336.

## **I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations**

51. Being aware of the need for progress in fulfilling the mandate of the Conference, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2023 session and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2024 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, past, present and future, including those submitted as 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.

52. The Member States that are next in order of rotation to assume the Presidencies in 2024 in accordance with rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure are indicated in Appendix III to this report.

53. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2024 session would be:

First part: 22 January – 28 March

Second part: 13 May – 28 June

Third part: 29 July – 13 September.

54. The annual report to the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 14 September 2023, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

*(Signed)* Ambassador Margit SZŰCS  
Hungary  
President of the Conference

## Appendix I

### Presidents of the 2023 session

Egypt

Ethiopia

Finland

France

Germany

Hungary

## Appendix II

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### List and texts of documents issued by the Conference on Disarmament

<i>Document No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<u>CD/INF.84</u>	Information for Member and Non-member States
<u>CD/INF.85</u> <u>CD/INF.85/Rev.1</u>	List of participants
<u>CD/WP.649</u>	Draft agenda for the 2023 session
<u>CD/WP.650</u> <u>CD/WP.650/Add.1</u>	Note by the President
<u>CD/WP.651</u> <u>CD/WP.651/Rev.1</u> <u>CD/WP.651/Rev.2</u> <u>CD/WP.651/Rev.3</u>	Draft Report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations
<u>CD/WP.652</u>	Draft Decision on the Work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2023
<u>CD/NGC/51</u>	List of Communication received from Non-Governmental Organizations and Individuals
<u>CD/2311</u>	Nota verbal de fecha 26 de septiembre de 2022 presentada por la Misión Permanente de Ecuador ante la Organización de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales en Ginebra tiene el honor de adjuntar la “Declaración de los Estados Miembros de OPANAL en el Día Internacional para la Eliminación Total de las Armas Nucleares - 26 de septiembre de 2022”
<u>CD/2312</u>	Note Verbale dated 8 November from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of the Russian Federation on preventing nuclear war as of 2 November 2022
<u>CD/2313</u>	Agenda for the 2023 session
<u>CD/2314</u>	Letter dated 5 January 2023 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session
<u>CD/2315</u>	Note Verbale dated 6 March 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the People's People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Office at Geneva and International Organizations in Switzerland, transmitting the latest version of the draft report of Subsidiary Body 1, established by decision CD/ 2229, to the Presidency of the Conference on Disarmament

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<i>Document No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<u>CD/2316</u>	Note Verbale dated 13 March 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement delivered by H.E. Mr. Nikolay Milkov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, during the High-Level Segment of the 2023 Session of the Conference on Disarmament
<u>CD/2317</u>	Note Verbale dated 17 March 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the Working Paper entitled “International Convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons”
<u>CD/2318</u>	Note Verbale dated 27 March from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation regarding the suspension of the Treaty on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (New START) as of 21 February 2023
<u>CD/2319</u>	Note Verbale dated 29 March from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, World Trade Organization and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the working paper entitled “Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapons States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons” reflecting discussions that took place in Subsidiary Body 4 in 2022
<u>CD/2320</u>	Note Verbale dated 28 March from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 26 March 2023 on the intents of the Russian Federation to station tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus
<u>CD/2321</u>	Note Verbale dated 14 April from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the comment by the Russia’s MFA Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova regarding the concern raised by a number of Western countries over Russia-Belarus nuclear cooperation as of 27 March 2023
<u>CD/2322</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 May 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the press statement of the Foreign Minister of the DPRK dated 21 April 2023 with regard to recent “joint statement” by G7 foreign ministers

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<u>CD/2323</u>	Note Verbale dated 15 May from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the “food-for-thought paper on Seeking a More Effective and Efficient Conference on Disarmament”
<u>CD/2324</u>	Note Verbale dated 16 May from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the “recently published fact sheet related to the aggregate data for United States nuclear forces covered by the New START Treaty”
<u>CD/2325</u>	Note Verbale dated 23 May from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the U.S. Ambassador Bruce Turner’s Remarks to the Conference on Disarmament on Gender in the Context of Women, Peace and Security, May 23, 2023
<u>CD/2326</u>	Note Verbale dated 6 June 2023 from the Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting U.S. Ambassador Bruce Turner’s June 6, 2023 remarks to the Conference on Disarmament and published fact sheets related to the U.S. Countermeasures in Response to Russia’s violations of the New START Treaty and Russia’s Noncompliance with and Invalid Suspension of the New START Treaty
<u>CD/2327</u>	Note Verbale dated 9 June 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations transmitting the Outcome Report of the Parliamentary Commission on Investigation into the Circumstances Related to Creation of Biological Laboratories by U.S. Specialists on the Territory of Ukraine
<u>CD/2328</u>	Note Verbale datée du 9 juin 2023 adressée par la Représentation Permanente de la France auprès de la Conférence du désarmement, en sa capacité de présidente de la Conférence du désarmement, transmettant une lettre co-signée par S. Exc. Mme Camille Petit et S. Exc. M. Thomas Göbel ainsi que le compendium rédigé par l’UNIDIR sur les propositions des États membres de la Conférence du désarmement pour la revitalisation de ses travaux
<u>CD/2329</u>	Note Verbale datée du 21 juin 2023 adressée par la Représentation Permanente de la France auprès de la Conférence du désarmement, en sa capacité de présidente de la Conférence du désarmement, transmettant la note de concept de la séance plénière du mardi 6 juin 2023 consacrée à la transparence des doctrines et des arsenaux nucléaires, dans le cadre de la transparence en matière d’armements, sous le point 7 de l’Ordre du Jour de la Conférence du Désarmement

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<u>CD/2330</u>	Note Verbale datée du 21 juin 2023 adressée par la Représentation Permanente de la France auprès de la Conférence du désarmement, en sa capacité de présidente de la Conférence du désarmement, transmettant la note de concept de la séance plénière du mardi 13 juin 2023 consacrée à la Prévention de la guerre nucléaire, y compris toutes les questions qui y sont liées, sous le point 2 de l'Ordre du Jour de la Conférence du Désarmement
<u>CD/2331</u>	Note Verbale datée du 21 juin 2023 adressée par la Représentation Permanente de la France auprès de la Conférence du désarmement, en sa capacité de présidente de la Conférence du désarmement, transmettant les notes de concept de la séance plénière du jeudi 1er juin 2023 consacrée au Programme complet de désarmement, sous le point 6 de l'Ordre du Jour de la Conférence du Désarmement, avec la proposition de discussions sur l'éducation et la recherche dans le domaine du désarmement
<u>CD/2332</u>	Note Verbale dated 27 June from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 22 June 2023 regarding the endangering situation at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant
<u>CD/2333</u>	Note Verbale dated 14 July from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting Statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Collective Security Treaty Organization Member States on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space as of June 20, 2023
<u>CD/2334</u>	Note Verbale dated 21 July 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan transmitting the Working Paper entitled "Addressing the Security and Stability Implications of Military Applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Autonomy in Weapon Systems
<u>CD/2335</u>	Note Verbale dated 10 August from the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a joint letter from the Permanent Representations of Germany and France to the Conference on Disarmament, and a report produced by UNIDIR on the results of the Retreat at Montreux from 22 to 23 June 2023
<u>CD/2336</u>	Note Verbale dated 21 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the joint Statement concerning the announcement of the deployment of Russian nuclear weapons on the territory of Belarus



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<u>CD/2337</u>	Note Verbale dated 24 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the draft resolution of the United Nations General Assembly "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament", proposed by Belarus, with the correspondent non-paper
<u>CD/2338</u>	Note Verbale dated 31 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the Coordinator of the G-21, transmitting the G-21 Working paper entitled "General Statement
<u>CD/2339</u>	Note Verbale dated 31 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the Coordinator of the G-21, transmitting the G-21 Working paper entitled "Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS)"
<u>CD/2340</u>	Note Verbale dated 31 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the Coordinator of the G-21, transmitting the G-21 Working paper entitled "Negative Security Assurances"
<u>CD/2341</u>	Note Verbale dated 31 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the Coordinator of the G-21, transmitting the G-21 Working paper entitled "Nuclear Disarmament"
<u>CD/2342</u>	Note Verbale dated 31 August 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, in its capacity as the Coordinator of the G-21, transmitting the G-21 Working paper entitled "Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament"
<u>CD/2343</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the Opening statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 24 January 2023

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<u>CD/2344</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Nuclear Weapons Free Zones related to item 4 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 31 January 2023
<u>CD/2345</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Negative Security Assurances related to item 4 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 9 February 2023
<u>CD/2346</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on International Women's Day related to item 6 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 16 March 2023
<u>CD/2347</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Nuclear Risk Reduction related to item 1 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 23 March 2023
<u>CD/2348</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS) related to item 3 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 30 March 2023
<u>CD/2349</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Transparency of Armaments related to item 7 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 17 May 2023
<u>CD/2350</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Disarmament and the gender perspective in the context of Women, Peace and Security (WPS) related to item 6 of the Conference on Disarmament agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 23 May 2023

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<u>CD/2351</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Education and Research in Disarmament related to item 6 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 1 June 2023
<u>CD/2352</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Fissile Materials Cut-off Treaty related to item 2 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 13 June 2023
<u>CD/2353</u>	Note Verbale dated 1 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Sweden on behalf of the European Union on Revitalization of the CD related to item 6 of the CD agenda as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 20 June 2023
<u>CD/2354</u>	Note Verbale dated 4 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the text of the Chair's Summary of the Regional Conference on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Weapon-Free-Zone in Central Asia which was held on August 29, 2023 in Astana (Kazakhstan)
<u>CD/2355</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Spain on behalf of the European Union on Artificial Intelligence in Military Domain related to agenda item 6 as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 3 August
<u>CD/2356</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Spain on behalf of the European Union on the New Agenda for Peace related to agenda item 6 as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 8 August
<u>CD/2357</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Spain on behalf of the European Union on Nuclear Disarmament Verification related to agenda item 1 as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 15 August

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<u>CD/2358</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Spain on behalf of the European Union on Revitalization of the Conference on Disarmament related to agenda item 6 as delivered in the Conference on Disarmament on 17 August
<u>CD/2359</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament, transmitting, as the G7 Presidency of this year, the G7 Leaders' Hiroshima Vision on Nuclear Disarmament, issued after their meeting in Hiroshima, Japan, on May 19, 2023
<u>CD/2360</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the G7 Foreign Ministers' communiqué issued after their meeting in Karuizawa, Japan on April 18, 2023, as the G7 Presidency
<u>CD/2361</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by H.E. Mr. Hayashi Yoshimasa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, at the High-Level Segment on February 28, 2023
<u>CD/2362</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement made on Tuesday 5 September, to the Conference on Disarmament
<u>CD/2363</u>	Note Verbale dated 6 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Türkiye to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Other International Organizations in Switzerland transmitting the statements delivered at the Plenary sessions of the Conference on Disarmament on 20 June 2023 and 17 August 2023
<u>CD/2364</u>	Note Verbale dated 7 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement of Austria on behalf of the European Union delivered during the High-Level Segment of the Conference on Disarmament on 28 February 2023
<u>CD/2365</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by Permanent Representative of Ukraine H.E. Ambassador Yevheniia Filipenko at the Conference on Disarmament Plenary Meeting, which was held on 26 January 2023, on the impact of the ongoing Russian aggression against Ukraine for global security and disarmament architecture

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<u>CD/2366</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by Permanent Representative of Ukraine H.E. Ambassador Yevheniia Filipenko at the Conference on Disarmament Plenary Meeting, which was held on 2 March 2023, on the negative impact of the ongoing Russian war of aggression against Ukraine on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation architecture
<u>CD/2367</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by Permanent Representative of Ukraine H.E. Ambassador Yevheniia Filipenko at the Conference on Disarmament thematic debates on the establishment of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, which was held on 31 January 2023
<u>CD/2368</u>	Note Verbale dated 12 September 2023 from the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva transmitting the statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at the High Level Segment delivered by H.E. Wopke Hoekstra, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on 27 February 2023
<u>CD/2369</u>	Note Verbale dated 12 September 2023 from the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva transmitting the statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at the thematic debate on transparency in armaments as delivered by H.E. Robert in den Bosch, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament on 17 May 2023
<u>CD/2370</u>	Note Verbale dated 12 September 2023 from the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva transmitting the statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at the thematic debate on nuclear disarmament verification as delivered by H.E. Robert in den Bosch, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament on 15 August 2023
<u>CD/2371</u>	Note Verbale dated 12 September 2023 from the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva transmitting the statement of the Kingdom of the Netherlands under item 6 of the agenda regarding the effective functioning of the Conference as delivered by H.E. Robert in den Bosch, Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament on 17 August 2023

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<u>CD/2372</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the Conference on Disarmament thematic debates on negative security assurances, which was held on 9 February 2023
<u>CD/2373</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the Conference on Disarmament thematic debates on nuclear risk reduction, which was held on 28 March 2023
<u>CD/2374</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the Conference on Disarmament thematic debates on cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament, which was held on 16 May 2023
<u>CD/2375</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the Conference on Disarmament thematic debates on Disarmament and Gender in the context of Women, Peace and Security, which was held on 23 May 2023
<u>CD/2376</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by the Delegation of Ukraine at the Conference on Disarmament panel discussion on comprehensive program of disarmament (Agenda item 6), ways for the responsible development and employment of Artificial Intelligence in the military domain, which was held on 3 August 2023
<u>CD/2377</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva H.E. Ambassador Yevheniia Filipenko at the Conference on Disarmament thematic debates on New Vision for Disarmament: the disarmament aspects of the Secretary General's New Agenda for Peace, which was held on 8 August 2023

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<u>CD/2378</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the statement by Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International organizations in Geneva H.E. Ambassador Yevheniia Filipenko at the Conference on Disarmament at the thematic debates on Revitalizing the Conference on Disarmament, which was held on 17 August 2023
<u>CD/2379</u>	Note Verbale dated 5 September 2023 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva transmitting the comment of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine with regard to the Conference of Disarmament Working Paper CD/2327 containing the Note Verbale dated 9 June 2023 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations transmitting the Outcome Report of the Parliamentary Commission on Investigation into the Circumstances Related to Creation of Biological Laboratories by U.S. Specialists on the Territory of Ukraine
<u>CD/2380</u>	Report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations

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## Appendix III

India

Indonesia

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

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Israel

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