

Conference on Disarmament

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Decision on the Work of the Conference on Disarmament for 2024

(Adopted at the 1728th plenary meeting on 13 June 2024)

The Conference on Disarmament,

Cognizant of its role as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum established by the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-I),

Noting that it provides its Member States with a platform to engage in negotiations, on the basis of the rule of consensus,

Recalling rule 28 of its Rules of Procedure which calls on the Conference to establish its programme of work on the basis of its agenda,

Recognizing the longstanding impasse on the commencement of negotiations on any agenda item, and the urgent need to advance the substantive work of the Conference, with the prospect of resuming the negotiations process,

In order to provide a programme of work for the Conference which does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation, while being aware of previous efforts of the Conference on Disarmament and in the Conference on Disarmament,

Conscious of the need to conduct its work in a balanced and comprehensive manner,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2382,

decides:

1. To establish, in accordance with rule 23 of its Rules of Procedure, four Subsidiary Bodies on agenda items 1 to 4, and a fifth Subsidiary Body on agenda items 5, 6 and 7, in order to advance the substantive work on all agenda items in a comprehensive and balanced manner, bearing in mind its mandate in accordance with the Final Document of SSOD-I,
2. The Subsidiary Bodies will be chaired by Coordinators appointed by the Conference, under the guidance of the President on the basis of equitable regional distribution,
3. The Subsidiary Bodies shall meet in accordance with rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure, and shall conduct their work in accordance with rule 18, with even allocation of time, and shall agree on the specific topics to be considered,
4. In accordance with rule 35 of the Rules of Procedure, the Subsidiary Bodies shall remain open to all Member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those non-Member States that the Conference has invited to participate in its work during the 2024 session,
5. The reports on the progress achieved including any recommendations for continuing the substantive work of the Conference on the agenda items, and agreed on by consensus in Subsidiary Bodies, would be submitted by Coordinators to the Conference on Disarmament,



through the President, for adoption by consensus and due reflection in the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations,

6. This decision applies to the 2024 session, however, should the subsidiary bodies not be able to complete their work during the 2024 session, they may resume their work in 2025, taking into account the present decision, if the member States of the Conference, in accordance with the rules of procedure, so decide in the 2025 session.
