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Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

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Proposal by the Non-Aligned Movement on the objectives of the fourth special session devoted to disarmament

The objectives of the fourth special session should include, inter alia:

- To work towards achieving the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control;
- To assess the current international situation in the field of disarmament and its relation to preserving international peace and security;
- To provide for a comprehensive, thorough discussion and review as well as an assessment of all issues in the field of disarmament and international security, including those of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, conventional weapons, non-proliferation in all its aspects and disarmament machinery;
- To identify challenges and obstacles, and ways and means to address them, for future actions on issues related to disarmament and non-proliferation, with a view to adopting a final document of the fourth special session devoted to disarmament, including the possibility of concluding a programme of action;
- To reaffirm guidelines, principles and priorities set out in the first special session devoted to disarmament and to assess its implementation, and to take into consideration the possibility of setting additional guidelines and practical measures related to disarmament;
- To emphasize, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, that the United Nations has a central role and primary responsibility in the field of disarmament, and to further strengthen the disarmament machinery established by the General Assembly at its tenth special session;
- To promote international stability based on the principle of undiminished security for all States;



- To promote multilateralism in the field of disarmament and to enhance cooperation at all levels.

Proposal by the Non-Aligned Movement on the agenda of the fourth special session devoted to disarmament

The agenda of the fourth special session should include, inter alia:

- Implementation of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament
- The international situation since the first special session, the post-cold-war era and trends at global, regional and subregional levels
- Nuclear weapons
 - Nuclear disarmament
 - Nuclear non-proliferation
 - Nuclear-weapon-free zones
 - Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East
 - Security assurances
 - Non-strategic nuclear weapons
 - Nuclear danger
 - Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty/CTBT
 - Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty/FMCT
- Other weapons of mass destruction
 - Chemical weapons
 - Biological weapons
 - Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons
- Missiles
- Prevention of an arms race in outer space
- Conventional weapons
 - The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons
 - Other conventional weapons including any which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects
 - Anti-personnel mines
 - Sophisticated conventional weapons
- Regional disarmament and security
 - Regional disarmament

- Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region
 - Maintenance of international security/good neighbourliness, stability and development of Southern Europe
 - Confidence-building measures, including transparency in armaments
 - Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation
 - Disarmament machinery
 - First Committee of the General Assembly
 - Conference on Disarmament
 - United Nations Disarmament Commission
 - Regional centres
 - Department for Disarmament Affairs
 - Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters
 - Groups of governmental experts
 - UNIDIR
 - United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme
 - Relationship between disarmament and development
 - Peaceful uses of nuclear energy
 - Other measures for the promotion of disarmament
 - Disarmament and non-proliferation education
 - United Nations Disarmament Information Programme
 - Cooperation with civil society and NGOs
 - Related matters of disarmament and international security
 - Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security
 - Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control
 - Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament
 - Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction
 - Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures
 - Disarmament concepts and terminology
 - An agreed programme of action
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