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

Introduction

The Non-Aligned Movement reaffirms its principled positions on nuclear disarmament as its highest priority, as stated in the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament (see A/S-10/4), and underscores that the convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament would offer an opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the disarmament process and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favour of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons.

While reaffirming also the guiding principles and priorities agreed upon at the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, the Non-Aligned Movement makes the following proposal regarding the objectives and agenda of the fourth special session.

Objectives

The fourth special session should produce a consensus outcome document with a view to providing guidance for the international community's disarmament efforts and to creating an internationally agreed framework conducive to progress towards disarmament. The objectives of the fourth special session should therefore be, inter alia:

- To reaffirm the collective commitment of Member States to working towards achieving the disarmament goals and priorities, including those set forth in the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament



- To provide for a comprehensive consideration and review of all issues in the field of disarmament and international security, in order to identify ways and means of advancing disarmament goals and priorities, including in the light of the objectives, priorities and principles set forth in the declaration contained in the Final Document
- To consider the implementation of the programme of action adopted at the first special session with a view to identifying ways and means of achieving further progress, including additional disarmament measures for the total elimination of nuclear weapons, based on the principles, objectives and priorities established in the Final Document
- To review the disarmament machinery established by the General Assembly at its tenth special session with a view to strengthening it and improving its effectiveness, bearing in mind the central role of the United Nations
- To promote multilateralism in the field of disarmament and to enhance cooperation at all levels

Agenda

The agenda of the fourth special session should include:

- Review and appraisal of the present situation in the field of disarmament and international security, especially in the light of the objectives and priorities set forth in the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament
- Assessment of the implementation of the Final Document and the status of negotiations with respect to all issues in the field of disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, as well as developments since 1978, with a view to drawing up a comprehensive programme of action on disarmament in order to achieve substantial progress thereon, taking into account the principles, objectives and priorities established in the Final Document
- Review of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, including the performance of the disarmament machinery, with a view to strengthening it and improving its effectiveness and efficiency
- Adoption of the final document