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> **Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and South Africa:**
> **revised draft decision**

Open-ended working group on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 78/20 of 4 December 2023, in which it decided, under item 97 (d), to convene, beginning in 2025, an open-ended working group,

Recalling also its resolution 78/238 of 22 December 2023, in which it decided, under item 97 (c), to convene, beginning in 2024, an open-ended working group,

Welcoming the adoption by consensus by the Group of Governmental Experts on Further Practical Measures for the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/250 of 30 December 2022 of its report[1] on 16 August 2024,

1.   Decides to convene a new open-ended working group for the period 2024–2028, which will replace the two open-ended working groups established by resolutions 78/20 and 78/238;

2.   Also decides to task the open-ended working group convened pursuant to paragraph 1 of the present decision to submit recommendations on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects, and that its discussions and recommendations will be informed by all the relevant General Assembly resolutions on the prevention of an arms race in outer space, including:

(a)   Resolution 78/20;

(b)   Resolution 78/238;

3.   Further decides:

(a)   That the new open-ended working group shall work on the basis of consensus, shall hold a two-day organizational session in Geneva in 2025, and shall

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[1] A/79/364.

meet in Geneva for two substantive sessions of five days each in 2025, two substantive sessions of five days each in 2026, two substantive sessions of five days each in 2027 and two substantive sessions of five days each in 2028, with the contribution of relevant international and non-governmental organizations, and further decides that the Chair may also hold intersessional consultative meetings to exchange views on the issues within the mandate of the open-ended working group;

(b)   To reaffirm that intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly and representatives of non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, may participate, including by speaking and submitting documents, in the formal and informal meetings of the open-ended working group as observers;

(c)   That other interested non-governmental organizations relevant and competent to the scope and purpose of the open-ended working group should also inform the secretariat of their interest in participating by submitting information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the working group; the Chair of the open-ended working group should submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis and bring the list to the attention of the working group for a final decision on participation; and these organizations would accordingly be invited to participate as observers in the formal sessions of the working group, including by speaking and submitting documents, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation;

4.   Requests the Chair of the open-ended working to provide an annual update to the General Assembly through its First Committee;

5.   Requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the open-ended working group and its Chair and to transmit its report to the General Assembly at its eighty-third session, the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission.

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