Chairman’s revised draft resolution

Disarmament, non-proliferation and international peace and security

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter, in particular the purpose of the United Nations, to maintain international peace and security,

Noting that the heads of State and Government resolved in the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ to strengthen respect for the rule of law in international as in national affairs, and to strive for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons, and to keep all options open for achieving this aim,

Bearing in mind that, in his report entitled Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change,² the Secretary-General stated that the United Nations must align its activities with the priorities defined by the Millennium Declaration,

Recalling that the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration”,³ highlighted the important contributions, inter alia, of disarmament, arms control and the rule of law in advancing its goals,

Convinced that full compliance with all disarmament and non-proliferation agreements and their verification measures by States parties is essential for the maintenance of international peace and security, and reaffirming the efforts of the United Nations in that regard,

¹ Resolution 55/2.
² A/57/387.
³ A/56/326.
Emphasizing that additional progress is urgently needed in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism,

Determined to build a common response to global threats in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation,

1. Reaffirms the urgent need to promote and to achieve the goals of disarmament and non-proliferation;

2. Emphasizes the necessity to promote the adoption and, where necessary, strengthening of multilateral treaties and other international instruments in the field of disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation;

3. Reaffirms the value of multilateralism in negotiations in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation with a view to maintaining and strengthening global norms and enlarging their scope;

4. Stresses the need for all States parties to disarmament and non-proliferation agreements to comply in full with all the provisions of such agreements, in the interest of international peace and security;

5. Reaffirms that progress is urgently needed in the areas of disarmament and non-proliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism;

6. Urges Member States to actively contribute to the substantive session of the United Nations Disarmament Commission in 2003;

7. Encourages additional efforts by Member States to ensure that the Conference on Disarmament reaches agreement on a substantive programme of work at the earliest possible time;

8. Welcomes the Secretary-General’s efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the functioning of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation.