Fifty-ninth session
First Committee
Agenda item 65 (k)
General and complete disarmament: improving the
effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee

Malaysia: draft resolution

Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the
First Committee

The General Assembly,

Recalling its most recent resolutions 58/41 of 8 December 2003, 58/126 of
19 December 2003 and 58/316 of 1 July 2004,

Aware of the importance of enhancing the effectiveness and role of the First
Committee of the General Assembly and improving its working methods,

1. Decides to continue its efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness
of the methods of work of the First Committee as a means of enhancing the role
of the Committee in promoting peace and security;

2. Emphasizes that improved functioning of the First Committee should be
considered in an integrated and comprehensive manner through the existing three
stages, namely general debate, thematic/structure debate and consideration and
action on resolutions;

3. Requests Member States to elect the Chairman and other members of the
Bureau of the First Committee at least three months before the meeting of the
session to allow more focused consultations by the Chairman with Member States;

4. Invites Member States to hold more interactive debates based on a
programme and format elaborated through informal consultations between the
Bureau and Member States;

5. Urges Member States to submit draft resolutions in a more concise and
action-oriented manner;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the
Non-Aligned Movement.
6. *Invites* Member States to consider the biennialization or triennialization of the agenda items discussed in the First Committee, on a voluntary basis, and in particular when no specific action is required to be taken for the implementation of the relevant resolutions;

7. *Recommends* that the First Committee hold more informal consultations, both before and during Committee meetings, with the participation of all interested Member States for furthering discussions on draft resolutions already submitted or yet to be submitted to the Committee;

8. *Urges* the First Committee to continue its existing methods of work in clustering its agenda items as a means of facilitating the thematic discussions and action on the draft resolutions;

9. *Considers* that any change in the disarmament agenda and the disarmament machinery, including the First Committee, shall be made in the context of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

10. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the issue and to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session an item entitled “Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee”.