Seventy-first session
First Committee
Agenda item 100 (b)

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and
decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special
session: report of the Disarmament Commission

**Vanuatu:** *draft resolution*

## Report of the Disarmament Commission

_The General Assembly,_

_Having considered_ the report of the Disarmament Commission,¹


_Considering_ the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon
to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting
recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in promoting
the implementation of the relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its
tenth special session,

_Recalling in particular_ General Assembly resolution 45/62 B of 4 December
1990, in which it noted with satisfaction the adoption by consensus of a set of
“Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”,²
Assembly decision 52/492 of 8 September 1998 concerning the efficient functioning
of the Commission and Assembly resolution 61/98, which contains additional

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¹ On behalf of the members of the Bureau of the Disarmament Commission.
² Resolution 44/119 C, annex.
measures for improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the Commission,

Reaffirming the mandate of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative subsidiary body of the General Assembly that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues, and recalling that the Commission shall make every effort to ensure that, insofar as possible, decisions on substantive issues be adopted by consensus, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,3

Emphasizing once again the important place of the Disarmament Commission within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery,

1. Takes note of the report of the Disarmament Commission;1

2. Reaffirms the importance of further enhancing the dialogue and cooperation among the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament, notes that the Commission has not submitted any substantive recommendations to the General Assembly in the course of the past 17 years, and thus encourages the revitalization of the work of the Commission in its current triennial cycle;

3. Emphasizes the need for a focused and results-oriented discussion on the items on the agenda of the Disarmament Commission;

4. Requests the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,3 and with paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982 and to that end to make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”;3

5. Recalls the fact that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 52/492, at its 355th meeting, on 4 April 2016, the Disarmament Commission adopted the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2016,1 on the understanding that consultations would continue on ways and means to implement resolution 69/77, and that the Commission decided that the agenda for its substantive session of 2015 should serve for the period 2015-2017;

6. Recommends that the Disarmament Commission continue consideration of the following items at its substantive session of 2017:

(a) Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons;

(b) Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons;

7. Notes the consultations with Member States conducted by the Chair of the Commission during its intersessional period regarding a working paper4

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3 Resolution S-10/2.
4 A/CN.10/2016/WP.1.
containing a proposal for the inclusion of a third item in its agenda for the remaining period of the present triennial cycle in the context of considering ways and means to implement General Assembly resolution 69/77, in accordance with Assembly decision 52/492, and encourages the Commission to hold informal discussions on the subject contained in the above-mentioned working paper during the substantive session of the Commission in 2017, without prejudice to the deliberations on the existing agenda items;

8. **Also notes** that the Disarmament Commission encourages the Chairs of its working groups to continue, during the intersessional period, informal consultations on the agenda item allocated to each of the groups;

9. **Encourages** the Disarmament Commission to invite, as appropriate, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research to prepare background papers on the items on its agenda and, if need be, other disarmament experts to present their views, as provided for in paragraph 3 (e) of resolution 61/98, upon the invitation of the Chair and with the prior approval of the Commission;

10. **Requests** the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding three weeks during 2017, namely from 3 to 21 April, and to submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, and stresses that the report of the Commission should contain a summary by the Chair of the proceedings to reflect different views or positions if no agreement can be reached on the specific agenda item deliberated on, as provided for in paragraph 3.4 of the adopted “Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission”;

11. **Requests** the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Disarmament Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the resources and services necessary, including verbatim records, to that end, and also requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament on its 2016 session, together with all the official records of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution;

12. **Invites** Member States to submit their views and proposals on the matter early enough to enable practical consultations among them prior to the beginning of the substantive session of 2017 of the Disarmament Commission, with a view to facilitating its constructive outcome, and in this regard encourages the Chair-designate to commence consultations and preparations for the substantive session of 2017 in a timely manner upon his or her nomination;

13. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session, under the item entitled “Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session”, the sub-item entitled “Report of the Disarmament Commission”.

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5 *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/71/27).*