The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 72/28 entitled “Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament”, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2017.

By operative paragraph 2 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on current developments in science and technology and their potential impact on international security and disarmament efforts, with an annex containing submissions from Member States giving their views on the matter;”

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to refer to resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 entitled “Pattern of Conferences”, adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 1997 and 18 December 1998 respectively.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, all intergovernmental bodies are invited to consider, where appropriate, reducing the length of their reports to twenty pages (10,700 words) without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or their content of the reports.

The Secretariat encourages Member States to comply with General Assembly resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 in their submissions on disarmament issues to the Secretary General.

Therefore, in order to facilitate the submission of the views on the issues outlined above by Member States, the deadline for submission is 15 May 2018. Member States are invited to cooperate to enable the Secretariat to ensure the timely issuance of the reports. All submissions should be sent in hard copy and electronically, in Microsoft Word format. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Any views received after 15 May 2018 will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received. No addenda will be issued.
The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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