AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretary-General

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BARBADOS

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The Government of Barbados supports the idea of convening a World Disarmament Conference.

BELGIUM

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The views of the Belgian Government on this question have been expressed on several occasions and are reflected in document A/9626 of the twenty-ninth session, Supplement No. 28.

NETHERLANDS

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The views of the Netherlands Government on this question have been expressed at several occasions and are reflected, among others, in documents A/8817 and A/9628. These views remain unchanged.

TURKEY

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The views of the Turkish Government regarding the convening and main objectives of such a conference have already been set forth in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the World Disarmament Conference (A/9628), as well as within the Ad Hoc Committee. In principle those views remain unchanged.

The Turkish delegation nevertheless takes this opportunity to repeat that the Turkish Government continues to favour the idea of convening such a conference. The Turkish Government feels that such a conference, suitably prepared and with the participation from the preparatory stage onwards of all countries, including especially the five nuclear Powers, which are also permanent members of the Security Council, as well as the militarily important States, could open up a new phase in the field of general and complete disarmament.

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The Turkish Government feels that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the convening of a world disarmament conference must be carried out carefully. The aim of that work must be to establish a solid basis for the success of the conference rather than merely to convene it, since the failure of such a conference would only be prejudicial to the achievements already attained in that field.

In the view of the Turkish Government, the principal aim of such a conference must be to seek ways of achieving general and complete disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, with efficient and strict international supervision, taking into consideration the needs of each country and of each region.

It is obvious that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee could not have a negative influence on the other discussions still in progress on the question of disarmament.