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Amendments to working paper A/AC.181/L.5/Rev.1

1. Replace paragraph 3 by the following text:

"3. The Ad Hoc Committee bore in mind that delegations are free to address themselves in the First Committee of the General Assembly to any arms control and disarmament issue on its agenda and to submit, when they deem it necessary, draft resolutions on each agenda item. At the same time, the Ad Hoc Committee makes the following suggestions in order to make the work of the First Committee more constructive and efficient:

"(a) At the beginning of the First Committee's consideration of disarmament items, the Chairman could carry out consultations with the members of the Committee in order to examine the advisability of submitting for consideration by the First Committee a schedule setting out a specific duration for the general debate and the debate on the draft resolutions presented under each agenda item, together with tentative dates for the voting on those draft resolutions. To the extent possible, this schedule should provide for the grouping together of matters that are closely related, provided that the State or States which brought the items in question to the attention of the General Assembly do not oppose such grouping.

"(b) Delegations could make all efforts to arrange for informal circulation of draft resolutions by the time the Committee starts its work during each session of the General Assembly. This could also help to promote the amalgamation, whenever possible, of draft resolutions with similar aims and content.

"(c) The members of the First Committee could hold informal consultations to determine whether any delegation intended to request the adoption of any measure with regard to a given item. If those consultations showed clearly

that no delegation would request any action by the General Assembly, the Committee could decide to include the item concerned in the provisional agenda for a subsequent session of the General Assembly.

"(d) The possibility of taking decisions instead of adopting formal resolutions on procedural questions should be kept in mind, with a view to presenting to the General Assembly a limited number of draft resolutions on such questions.

"(e) The Chairman of the First Committee could hold consultations with the members of the Committee at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly concerning possible suggestions that would make the Committee's deliberations more efficient and simplify them.

"(f) The Chairman of the First Committee could hold systematic consultations with interested delegations in order to explore the possibility of amalgamating draft resolutions on the same item, with the consent of their respective sponsors, whether they had been circulated informally or submitted formally to the Committee."

2. Replace paragraph 9 (b) by the following text:

"(b) The United Nations publish approximately three times a year a disarmament periodical of the United Nations in all the official languages of the Organization. The publication would present in highly readable form current facts and developments in the field of disarmament, such as summaries of new proposals and of important relevant statements and communiqués. It would also contain, inter alia, summaries of in-depth studies undertaken by the United Nations or the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament. It should further provide for annotated bibliographies and brief summaries of important books and articles on disarmament questions and related matters."

3. Replace paragraph 11 (b) by the following text:

"(b) The Centre be headed by an official who is a national of a third world country with the rank of Assistant-Secretary-General."
