Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

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## Proposal by the Non-Aligned Movement on the objectives of the fourth special session devoted to disarmament

## Introduction

NAM reaffirms its principled positions on nuclear disarmament as its highest priority, as stated in the final document of SSOD-I, and underscores that the convening of the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament would offer an opportunity to review, from a perspective more in tune with the current international situation, the most critical aspects of the disarmament process, and to mobilize the international community and public opinion in favor of the elimination of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and of the control and reduction of conventional weapons.

While reaffirming also the guiding principles and priorities agreed at SSOD-I, NAM makes the following proposal regarding the objectives and agenda of the fourth special session devoted to disarmament.

## **Proposal on the Objectives**

The Special Session of the General Assembly, should produce a consensus outcome document with a view to providing guidance for the international community's disarmament efforts and to create an internationally agreed framework conducive to progress towards disarmament, and to that end, the SSOD-IV objectives should be, inter alia:

- To reaffirm the collective commitment of Member States to work towards achieving the disarmament goals and priorities, including those set forth in the Final Document of SSOD-I;
- To provide for a comprehensive consideration and review of all issues in the field of disarmament and international security, and in order to identify ways and means for advancing disarmament goals and priorities, including in light of the objectives, priorities and principles set forth in the declaration of the SSOD-I's Final Document;
- To consider the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at SSOD-I with a view to identifying ways and means to achieve further progress, including additional disarmament measures for the total elimination of nuclear

- weapons, based on the principles, objectives and priorities established in the Final Document of the SSOD-I;
- To review the disarmament machinery established by the General Assembly at its tenth special session, with a view to strengthening it and improving its effectiveness, bearing in mind the Central role of the United Nations;
- To promote multilateralism in the field of disarmament and to enhance cooperation at all levels.

## Proposal by the Non-Aligned Movement on the agenda of the fourth special session devoted to disarmament

The agenda of the fourth special session should include, inter alia:

- Review and appraisal of the present situation in the field of disarmament and international security, especially in light of the objectives and priorities set forth in the SSOD-I's Final Document;
- Assessment of the implementation of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the
  General Assembly and the status of negotiations with respect to all issues in the field of
  disarmament, including nuclear disarmament, as well as developments since 1978, with a view to
  elaborating a comprehensive programme of action on disarmament in order to achieve substantial
  progress in disarmament, taking into account the principles, objectives and priorities established in
  the Final Document of the SSOD-I;
- Review of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, including the performance of
  the disarmament machinery, with a view to strengthening it and improving its effectiveness and
  efficiency;
- Adoption of the final document of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

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