

Introduction of draft resolution L.46 “Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations”, as orally amended in the Plenary Session of the First Committee on Thursday, 1 November 2012

Statement by Mexico on behalf of the Co-Sponsors of Draft Resolution L.46

Mr. Chairman,

I take the floor on behalf of the co-sponsors of draft resolution L.46 entitled “*Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations*”, to formally introduce an orally revised version of this draft resolution to the First Committee, in order to accommodate the remaining concerns of delegations. Copies of this revised text are being circulated in the room.

The main changes clarify further the role and functions of the disarmament machinery, as well as the availability of resources to carry out the work of the open ended working group.

In PP3, we reaffirm the role and functions of the CD and the UNDC, in accordance with SSOD I. In OP2, we specify that the working group will convene its sessions for up to fifteen working days within available timeframes, thus ensuring the availability of resources. In OP3, we specify that the report of the working group will reflect all proposals made, thereby guaranteeing that all views are taken into account. In OP4, we request the Secretary General to transmit the report of the working group to the CD and the UNDC.

We are confident that this orally revised draft will receive the support of all delegations.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Resolution L.46 as orally revised during the plenary session of the 1st Committee on 1 November 2012 (changes in bold)

List of co-sponsors (updated)

Austria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay:

draft resolution

Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons,

Recalling the Declaration of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament,¹ which states, inter alia, that all the peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations, and that all States have the right to participate in disarmament negotiations,

Mindful of Reaffirming the role and functions of the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission, as set out in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament,²

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³ which states, inter alia, that responsibility for managing worldwide economic and social development, as well as threats to international peace and security, must be shared among the nations of the world and should be exercised multilaterally and that, as the most universal and most representative organization in the world, the United Nations must play the central role,

Welcoming the efforts by Member States to secure progress in multilateral disarmament and the support of the Secretary-General for such efforts, and noting in this regard the Secretary-General's five-point proposal on nuclear disarmament,

Recalling the outcome, including the action points, of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,⁴

Reaffirming the absolute validity of multilateral diplomacy in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation, and determined to promote multilateralism as an essential way to develop arms regulation and disarmament negotiations,

Recognizing the absence of concrete outcomes of multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations within the United Nations framework for more than a decade,

¹ See resolution S-10/2, sect. II.

² See resolution S-10/2, sect. IV.

³ See resolution 55/2.

⁴ See 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document, vols. I-III (NPT/CONF.2010/50 (Vols. I-III)).

Recognizing also the increased political attention to disarmament and non-proliferation issues and that the international political climate is more conducive to the promotion of multilateral disarmament and moving towards the goal of a world without nuclear weapons,

Emphasizing the importance and urgency of substantive progress on priority disarmament and non-proliferation issues,

Recognizing the important contribution that civil society makes to multilateral disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control processes,

Mindful of Article 11 of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the functions and powers of the General Assembly to consider and make recommendations, inter alia recommendations with regard to disarmament,

1. *Decides* to establish an open-ended working group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons;

2. *Also decides* that the working group will convene in Geneva in 2013 for up to ~~three~~ **weeks fifteen working days, within available timeframes**, with the contribution of international organizations and civil society, in accordance with established practice, and will hold its organizational session as soon as possible;

3. *Further decides* that the working group shall submit a report on its work, reflecting discussions held and **all** proposals made, to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, which will assess its work, taking into account developments in other relevant forums;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, within available resources, the support necessary to convene the aforementioned working group **and also to transmit the report of the working group to the Conference on Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission**;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session an item entitled "Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations".
