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TOWARDS A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE WORLD: THE CONTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTS

***Amendments to the draft resolution submitted
within the statutory deadline by the delegations of
Canada, China, Cuba, France, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia,
Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey, Venezuela
and Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina***

PREAMBLE

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1bis) *Underscoring* the central role of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and its review conferences in implementation of the three pillars of disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy,

(France)

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Affirming* the key role of parliaments and parliamentarians in addressing **nuclear weapon development risks and building the legislative and political framework to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world,**

(Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Noting with grave concern* that more than 17,000 nuclear weapons exist worldwide, ~~constituting a serious challenge to international peace and security, and that any~~ **any use of which, of nuclear weapons, whether by accident, miscalculation or intent, would have devastating humanitarian and environmental consequences,**

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Noting with grave concern* that more than 17,000 nuclear weapons exist worldwide, **among which several hundred are ready to be launched in minutes, which constitute a serious challenge to international peace and security, and that any use of nuclear weapons, whether by accident, miscalculation or intent, would have devastating humanitarian and environmental consequences,**

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Underscoring* the mutually reinforcing nature of nuclear **disarmament and** non-proliferation ~~and disarmament~~,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 6

Delete the existing paragraph.

(France, India)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Recognizing* the **central** importance of the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which embodies the international consensus on the need to pursue the interrelated pillars of disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Recognizing* the importance of the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which embodies the international consensus on the need to pursue the interrelated pillars of **nuclear** disarmament, non-proliferation and the peaceful use of nuclear energy,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Reaffirming* that all States must ensure compliance with their nuclear **disarmament and** non-proliferation obligations, especially those under the Non-Proliferation Treaty,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Merge and amend preambular paragraphs 7 and 8, rephrasing them as follows:

(7) *Reaffirming* that all States must ensure compliance with their nuclear non-proliferation obligations, especially those under the Non-Proliferation Treaty; **also reaffirming the nuclear disarmament obligations of nuclear-weapon States under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, notably to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament,**

(Hungary)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Also reaffirming* the nuclear disarmament obligations of nuclear-weapon States under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, notably to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, **as well as the obligation of all NPT States Parties to pursue negotiations on general and complete disarmament,**

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Also reaffirming* the nuclear disarmament obligations of nuclear-weapon States under Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, notably to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to **urgent** cessation of the nuclear arms race ~~at an early date~~ and to nuclear disarmament,

(*Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina*)

New preambular paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 9 to read as follows:

(9bis) ***Underlining its concern for the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, and in this regard welcoming the Conferences held in Oslo, Norway, in 2013 and in Narayit, Mexico, in February 2014, and the next one to be held in Vienna, Austria,***

(*Islamic Republic of Iran*)

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* its strong support for the essential work of the International Atomic Energy Agency ~~and its safeguards system,~~ **for the universal implementation of its safeguard systems and for its additional protocols as essential tools for strengthening the non-proliferation regime,**

(*France*)

Preambular paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

(11) *Also noting* its strong support for the work of the **Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization** and its monitoring system,

(*Islamic Republic of Iran*)

Preambular paragraph 12

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 12 with the following:

(12) ***Mindful that the main path to follow to effectively advance towards nuclear disarmament is that of the step-by-step approach provided for in the 2010 NPT Action Plan, which entrusts the Conference on Disarmament with the responsibility to conduct future negotiations,***

(*France*)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) ~~*Acknowledging Further*~~ ***noting*** the **partial** contribution made by unilateral and bilateral disarmament initiatives, *reaffirming* the continued importance and relevance of multilateral frameworks and action, and *underlining* the urgent need for progress **and the fact that these efforts should not substitute multilateral negotiations on nuclear disarmament,**

(*Islamic Republic of Iran*)

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Noting* the United Nations Secretary-General's five-point proposal for nuclear disarmament, **as well as his address to the opening Public Plenary of the Conference on Disarmament, held on on 21 January 2014, in which he urged the Conference not to hide behind utopian logic which says that until there is a perfect security environment, nuclear disarmament cannot proceed, adding that this is old think and the mentality of the Cold War,**

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 13 to read as follows:

(13bis) Welcoming the New START Treaty and efforts made by the Russian Federation and the United States of America to implement it,

(Russian Federation)

Preambular paragraph 14

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 14 with the following:

(14) Affirming that the Conference on Disarmament is the sole multilateral negotiating forum for disarmament,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Affirming* the key role of the United Nations Conference on Disarmament in the negotiation of multilateral agreements to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, **and in particular that of banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons,**

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Affirming* the key role of the ~~United Nations~~ Conference on Disarmament in the negotiation of multilateral agreements to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world,

(Turkey)

New preambular paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 15 to read as follows:

(15bis) Affirming that all States must ensure unconditional respect for these nuclear-weapon-free zones,

(Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina)

Preambular paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Welcoming* the first ever High-Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament, held on 26 September 2013, **and recalling its resolution 68/32, in which it calls for the urgent commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on a comprehensive convention on nuclear disarmament and for a United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament to be convened no later than 2018 to review progress in this area,**

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) ~~Welcoming~~ **Noting** the first ever High-Level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament, held on 26 September 2013,

(Hungary)

Preambular paragraph 17

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 17 with the following:

(17) **Encouraged by the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to set up a group of governmental experts tasked with making recommendations that could contribute to the negotiation, in the framework of the Conference on Disarmament, of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons,**

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Encouraged* by the emergence of other multilateral approaches and initiatives, including the United Nations General Assembly's decision to establish a group of governmental experts to begin discussion of possible elements of a fissile material cut-off treaty, ~~and to set up the United Nations Open-ended Working Group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations,~~

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Encouraged* by the emergence of other multilateral approaches and initiatives, including the United Nations General Assembly's decision to establish a group of governmental experts to begin discussion of possible elements of a fissile material cut-off treaty, and to set up the United Nations Open-ended Working Group to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations; **and reiterating that the Conference on Disarmament is the sole multilateral negotiating forum for disarmament,**

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 17 to read as follows:

(17bis) **Welcoming** the Geneva interim agreement of 24 November 2013 between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the five permanent members of the Security Council and Germany, which paves the way for the gradual lifting of economic sanctions against Iran in exchange for an in-depth review of its nuclear programme; and *inviting* all the parties to the agreement to apply faithfully and speedily all its provisions,

(France)

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Calls on* all Member Parliaments and parliamentarians to promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation ~~in all their aspects~~ as objectives of the highest priority and urgency;

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Encourages* parliamentarians to engage in dialogue and to build multiparty networks and coalitions at all levels in the pursuit of **nuclear disarmament and** nuclear non-proliferation ~~and the goal of universal nuclear disarmament;~~

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Appeals* to parliamentarians to educate citizens and raise awareness about the continuing dangers of nuclear weapons and the need for ~~and benefits of their total elimination~~ **disarmament, particularly in the framework of the 2010 NPT Action Plan;**

(France)

New operative paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. Calls on all parliamentarians to promote and commemorate each year on 26 September the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/32;**

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls on* parliaments to ~~encourage~~ **urge** their governments to advance the goal of a sustainable nuclear-weapon-free world in all appropriate international forums and treaty bodies **and to take the necessary concrete steps towards the realization of a world free of nuclear weapons;**

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

- 4bis. Calls on parliaments to encourage governments to reiterate their commitment to seek a safer world for all and to create conditions for further reductions in nuclear weapons, in accordance with the goals of the NPT, in a way that promotes international stability, based on the principle of equal and undiminished security for all, and underlines the vital importance of non-proliferation for achieving this goal; also calls on all States possessing nuclear weapons to join the efforts of the Russian Federation and the United States of America in the field of nuclear disarmament;**

(Russian Federation)

Operative paragraph 5

Delete the existing paragraph.

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* the universalization of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and *appeals* to parliaments to ensure that States that have not signed and ratified it do so **without further delay or any conditions**;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 6

Delete the existing paragraph.

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Reiterates* the need for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and *urges* those States identified in Annex 2 of the Treaty that have not yet done so to accelerate the process of signing and ratifying it, as a matter of priority and an indication of their political will and commitment to international peace and security **and in the meantime to respect their moratoria on nuclear tests**;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

6. ~~*Reiterates* the need~~ **Highlights the importance of securing** for the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, and *urges* those States identified in Annex 2 of the Treaty, **in particular nuclear-weapon States**, that have not yet done so to accelerate the process of signing and ratifying it, as a matter of priority and an indication of their political will and commitment to international peace and security;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

- 6bis. Calls on all States to refrain from conducting any kind of nuclear weapon test;**

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Stresses* the need for parliamentarians to work with their governments to ensure full compliance with all **provisions of obligations under** the Non-Proliferation Treaty and all commitments under the 2000 NPT Review Conference (the 13 practical steps) and the 2010 NPT Review Conference (the Action Plan);

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 9

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

9. ~~Urges~~ parliaments to strengthen nuclear security **the safety of all nuclear materials, including those intended for military use**, including by encouraging the ratification of relevant multilateral treaties such as the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

9. ~~Urges~~ parliaments to strengthen nuclear security, including by **monitoring the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004), and by ensuring** encouraging the ratification of relevant multilateral treaties, **including such as both** the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism **and the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its 2005 Amendment;**

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 9 to read as follows:

- 9bis. Calls on parliaments in States that have not yet done so to bring into force a comprehensive safeguards agreement and additional protocol as soon as possible, which, together, constitute essential elements of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards system;**

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. ~~Calls on~~ parliamentarians to use all available tools, including committees, ~~closely~~ **closely** monitor national implementation of the above commitments, including by scrutinizing legislation, budgets and progress reports;

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 11

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Russian Federation and Turkey)

Amend to read as follows:

11. ~~Recommends~~ that parliaments urge their governments to start deliberations and negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention ~~or on a package of agreements to help achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, as outlined in the United Nations Secretary-General's five point proposal and noted in the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan;~~ **to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use and to provide for their destruction;**

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

11. ~~Recommends~~ that parliaments urge their governments to start deliberations and negotiations ~~on a nuclear weapons convention or on a package of agreements to help achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, as outlined in the United Nations Secretary-General's five point proposal and noted in the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan;~~

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start deliberations and negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention ~~or on a package of agreements~~ to help achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, as outlined in the United Nations Secretary-General's five point proposal and noted in the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start ~~deliberations and~~ negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention or on a package of agreements to help achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, as outlined in the United Nations Secretary-General's five point proposal and noted in the 2010 NPT Review Conference Action Plan;

(France)

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Also recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start multilateral negotiations on a **nuclear weapons convention**, ~~verifiable, robust, non-discriminatory and multilateral treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;~~

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Also recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start multilateral negotiations on **nuclear disarmament and** a verifiable, robust, non-discriminatory and multilateral treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Also recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start multilateral negotiations on a verifiable, robust, non-discriminatory and multilateral treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices **within the framework of a balanced work programme of the Conference on Disarmament;**

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Also recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start ~~multilateral~~ negotiations on a ~~verifiable, robust, non-discriminatory,~~ **multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable** treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices **in the Conference on Disarmament;**

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Also recommends* that parliaments urge their governments to start multilateral negotiations **in the framework of the Conference on Disarmament** on a verifiable, robust, non-discriminatory and multilateral treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

(France)

New operative paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 12 to read as follows:

12bis. Riterates that the only absolute guarantee against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is the total elimination of nuclear weapons, and that pending the total elimination of nuclear weapons, non-nuclear-weapon States should receive effective assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 13

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

13. ***Calls on*** ~~Encourages~~ parliaments in States possessing nuclear weapons to **ensure demand**, in keeping with Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, **serious deeper** and faster action on **nuclear disarmament and to stop any modernization of their nuclear weapons** and increased transparency from their governments in relation to nuclear weapons arsenals, stockpiled fissile material, and information on related programmes and spending;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Encourages* parliaments in States possessing nuclear weapons to demand, in keeping with Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, deeper and faster action on disarmament and increased transparency from their governments in relation to nuclear weapons arsenals, stockpiled fissile material, and information on related programmes and spending;

(China)

New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

13bis. Invites parliaments, pending a fissile material cut-off treaty (FMCT), to encourage their governments who have not yet done so to establish a moratorium on the production of fissile material by unilaterally ceasing such production and dismantling their production facilities;

(France)

Operative paragraph 14

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Russian Federation)

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Also encourages* parliaments to work with their governments in the pursuit of confidence-building measures, including reducing ~~so as ultimately to eliminate the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines and policies~~ **arsenals so as to respect Article VI of the NPT;**

(France)

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Also encourages* parliaments to work with their governments in the pursuit of confidence-building measures **likely**, ~~including reducing so as ultimately~~ to eliminate the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines and policies;

(Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Also encourages* parliaments to work with their governments in the pursuit of confidence-building measures, including ~~reducing so as ultimately to~~ **by** eliminate ~~ing~~ the role of nuclear weapons in security doctrines and policies;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 14bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 14 to read as follows:

- 14bis. Encourages the parliaments of nuclear-weapon-possessing States to demand, in accordance with Action 5 (e) of Final Document of the 2010 NPT Review Conference, a reduction of the operational status of nuclear weapons;**

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Further encourages* parliaments to strengthen **and respect** existing nuclear-weapon-free zones and to support their expansion and the establishment of new zones;

(Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Further encourages* parliaments to strengthen existing nuclear-weapon-free zones and to support ~~their expansion and~~ the establishment of new zones, **duly bearing in mind regional specificities and innovative approaches;**

(Mongolia)

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Further encourages* parliaments to strengthen existing nuclear-weapon-free zones and to support their expansion and the establishment of new zones **where they do not exist;**

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls on* parliamentarians to support the convening, at the earliest possible date, of a conference for a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction, to be attended by all States in the region on the basis of **a resolution adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference and the 2010 NPT Review Conference** ~~arrangements freely arrived at;~~

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls on* parliamentarians to support the convening, at the earliest possible date, of a conference for a Middle East free of **nuclear and other** weapons of mass destruction, to be attended by all States in the region on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls on* parliamentarians to support the convening, at the earliest possible date, of a conference **on the establishment of for** a Middle East **zone** free of weapons of mass destruction, to be attended by all States **of in** the region on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at **by the States of the region;**

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 17

Amend to read as follows:

17. *Urges* parliaments to demand ~~the return to that their governments agree to a~~ substantive **programme of work in of** the United Nations Conference on Disarmament;

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 17bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 17 to read as follows:

- 17bis. Reiterates the need to reach an early agreement in the Conference of Disarmament on an effective, universal, unconditional and legally-binding instrument in order to give assurances to non-nuclear States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;**

(Venezuela)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 17 to read as follows:

- 17bis. Encourages the parliamentarians of the nuclear-weapon-possessing States recognized by the Non-Proliferation Treaty to press for unreserved ratification of the protocols to all treaties establishing nuclear-weapon-free zones;**

(Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina)

New operative paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 18 to read as follows:

- 18bis. Urges the governments of countries that have signed but submitted interpretative declarations to Protocols I and II to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Tlatelolco Treaty) to withdraw them immediately;**

(Senator María de los Angeles Higonet of Argentina)