

2015 Session of the Conference on Disarmament Statement delivered by the Delegation of Mexico

Geneva, Switzerland, September 2nd, 2015

Madame President,

As this is the first time my delegation takes the floor during your presidency, please allow me to express our support and appreciation. Also, I would like to thank you for the first version of the Draft Report of the CD. We believe that this first draft is a good basis for our work in order to fulfill the obligation to report to the General Assembly of the United Nations the work of the Conference.

Madame President,

As this is the first opportunity we have to discuss the first draft, please allow me to share the comments of my delegation:

As stated during the plenary meetings held on 5 June and 17 August 2015, the Delegation of Mexico kindly requests the addition of its position towards the adoption of the decisions which reestablished an informal working group with a mandate to produce a programme of work (IWG) and a schedule of activities for the 2015 session in the Report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly Annual Report 2015.

In order to do so, the Delegation of Mexico kindly suggests the inclusion of the following paragraphs:

“A delegation stated that it does not support any of these two decisions and that as it understands consensus as the way to achieve a common aspiration to reach an agreement, its opposition to these decisions should not be considered as a veto.”

“A delegation stated that the decisions regarding the reestablishment of the informal working group to produce a programme of work (IWG) and regarding a Calendar of Activities can only be a simulation to pretend that the Conference is working when it is not. Also, that, as a matter of principle, it simply cannot play a part in such an exercise of simulation.”

Madame President,

My delegation would like to remind the Membership that our obligation, according to Rule 45 of the CD Rules of Procedure is to elaborate a factual report to the General Assembly of the United Nations. My delegation would engage in our discussions, and make further comments as needed, in order to achieve this factual Report.

Thank you.