

Draft report of Working Group I on agenda item 4

1. At its 268th meeting on 28 March 2006, the Disarmament Commission adopted its agenda for the 2006 substantive session (A/CN.10/L.57), and decided to allocate to Working Group I agenda item 4, entitled “Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons”. At its 274th meeting, on 17 April the Commission elected Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou (Benin) as Chairman of Working Group I.

2. In connection with its work, Working Group I had before it the following documents:

- 1) Working paper submitted by the United States (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.1);
- 2) Working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.2;
- 3) Working paper submitted by China (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.3);
- 4) Working paper submitted by the Chairman (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.4 and Rev.1);
- 5) Working papers submitted by France (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.5-6);
- 6) Conference room paper submitted by the Chairman (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.1 and Rev.1*);
- 7) Conference room paper submitted by Chile, Costa Rica, Brazil, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.2);
- 8) Conference room papers submitted by Austria on behalf of the European Union (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.3-5);

9) Draft report of the Working Group I on agenda item 4 (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.6 and Rev.1)

10) Conference room paper submitted by the Chairman, entitled "Draft outline" (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP. 7).

3. The Working Group held 7 meetings between 18 and 28 April 2006. The Chairman also conducted a number of informal consultations. Sergei Cherniavsky of the Disarmament and Decolonization Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as the Secretary of the Working Group. Nikolai Rogosaroff of the Department for Disarmament Affairs served as adviser to the Working Group.

4. The first two meetings were devoted to general exchange of views. At the third meeting, delegations introduced working papers and commented on the issues related to item 4.

5. At the fourth meeting of the Working Group, on 24 April, the Chairman submitted a working paper, entitled "Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons" (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.4), which took into consideration written and oral submissions, and which was commented on by delegations. The Chairman also submitted another document, in the form of a conference room paper (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.1).

6. At the fifth meeting of the Working Group, on 25 April, preliminary discussions took place on specific elements contained in the Chairman's conference room paper (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.1). Delegations made a number of written and oral proposals on the paper.

7. At the sixth meeting of the Working Group, on 26 April, the Chairman introduced a revised version of his working paper (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/WP.4/Rev.1) and the revised version of his conference room paper A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP.1/Rev.1*. At the

same time, he presented another conference room paper entitled “Draft outline” (A/CN.10/2006/WG.I/CRP. 7).

8. The Chairman’s papers are presented without prejudice to the positions of any delegation or group of delegations. They are his sole responsibility and do not represent a negotiated position nor command consensus.

9. A number of delegations expressed reservations on some of the issues contained in the Chairman’s papers.

10. At its seventh meeting, on 28 April, the Working Group considered and adopted by consensus its report on agenda item 4. It also decided to forward the documents listed in paragraph 2 of the present report to the 2007 session of the Commission.