

7. With this background in mind, the Canadian delegation to the third special session devoted to disarmament presents the following measures for the consideration of Working Group III:

- (1) A reaffirmation of the central role and primary responsibility of the United Nations in the field of disarmament;
- (2) A determination not to allow administrative procedures to stand in the way of substantive progress;
- (3) An endorsement of the provisions of resolution 42/42 N and a recommendation that each succeeding chairman of the First Committee continue to hold consultations with a view to refining further practices and procedures of the committee;
- (4) Strengthening the ability of the Disarmament Commission to provide in-depth, analytical consideration of a limited number of issues;
- (5) The initiation, by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, of an orientation programme designed to promote and improve the understanding of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament by the community of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). In this same connection, the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the Secretary-General should be encouraged to draw upon NGO disarmament expertise whenever possible;
- (6) The continued support of the Department for Disarmament Affairs at its current level of financing and staffing;
- (7) The recommendation that the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts and making appropriate use of the capabilities of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in a consultant capacity, should undertake an in-depth study on the subject of the existing and possible activities of the United Nations in the verification of multilateral arms control and disarmament agreements.

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