

Submissions by India - 2019

Resolution 73/40

(Follow-up to the 2013 High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament)

India supported resolution A/Res/73/40 submitted by NAM calling upon the Conference on Disarmament to commence negotiations on a Comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Convention.

2. India is convinced that the goal of nuclear disarmament can be achieved by a step-by-step process underwritten by a universal commitment and an agreed multilateral framework that is global and non-discriminatory. There is need for a meaningful dialogue among all States possessing nuclear weapons to build trust and confidence and for reducing the salience of nuclear weapons in security doctrines.

3. India's working paper CD/1816, has enumerated specific steps, including reaffirmation of the unequivocal commitment of all nuclear weapon States to the goal of complete elimination of nuclear weapons; reduction of the salience of nuclear weapons in the security doctrines; measures by nuclear-weapon States to reduce nuclear danger; negotiation of a global agreement among nuclear weapon States on 'no-first-use' of nuclear-weapons; negotiation of a universal and legally-binding agreement on non-use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon States; negotiation of a Convention on the complete prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; and negotiation of a Nuclear Weapons Convention prohibiting the development, production, stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons and on their destruction, leading to the global, non-discriminatory and verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified timeframe.

4. India considers the Conference on Disarmament as the appropriate forum for the commencement of negotiations on Nuclear Disarmament through establishment of a subsidiary body with a mandate agreed by consensus.

5. India joined the statements made in the CD on behalf of G-21 calling for urgent commencement of negotiations on nuclear disarmament in the CD, in particular on a Comprehensive Convention on Nuclear Weapons to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer, use or threat of use and to provide for their destruction.
