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36. Items relating to non-proliferation

A. Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Overview

During the period under review, the Security Council held a meeting on 29 June 2012 to consider the item entitled “Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction” and adopted resolution [2055 \(2012\)](#) to increase the size of the group of experts assisting the Committee established pursuant to resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#) to “up to nine experts”.¹

The table at the end of the section lists the meeting at which this item was considered, and gives information on, inter alia, invitees, speakers and decisions adopted.

Resolution to increase the size of the group of experts attached to the 1540 Committee

On 29 June 2012, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution [2055 \(2012\)](#), requesting the Secretary-General to increase to “up to nine” the size of the group of experts created pursuant to resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#) to assist the 1540 Committee in carrying out its mandate, including through facilitation of assistance to improve implementation of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#).

¹ For more information, see part IX, section I. B. (b) 2, concerning Security Council committees established under Chapter VII of the Charter.

Following the adoption of the resolution, the representative of Guatemala expressed his appreciation for the work of the 1540 Committee and its group of experts.² He added that without the support of the group of experts to Member States, it would be difficult for many to establish plans of action, present national reports and make progress on the measures necessary to comply with the provisions of resolution [1540 \(2004\)](#). However, he noted the need to respect the criteria established under resolution [1977 \(2011\)](#) in selecting the group of experts. He added that in spite of his Government's reservations concerning the final composition of the group of experts, Guatemala had joined the consensus to avoid affecting the work of the 1540 Committee.

Meeting: non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote</i>
S/PV.6795 29 June 2012		Draft resolution (S/2012/501) submitted by France, Germany, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States			Guatemala	Resolution 2055 (2012) 15-0-0

² [S/PV.6795](#), p.2 (Guatemala).