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SUBJECT: RES 71/67 “Nuclear disarmament verification”
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The Office for Disarmament Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to resolution 71/67 entitled “Nuclear disarmament verification”, adopted by the General Assembly on 5 December 2016.

By operative paragraph 6 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the development and strengthening of practical and effective nuclear disarmament verification measures and on the importance of such measures in achieving and maintaining a world without nuclear weapons, and to report back to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session”.

Reference is made to the informal meeting of the First Committee of the General Assembly held on 3 December 2015 devoted to working methods and the Chair’s summary circulated thereon. Particular attention is drawn to discussions among Member States on the need to ensure the practical value of reports mandated in resolutions and decisions of the Committee. To this end, Member States are kindly encouraged to provide their constructive and focused views on the issues outlined in resolution 71/67.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive the views on the issues outlined above from the Permanent Missions’ Governments. In order for the Secretariat to comply with the page-limit requirement for UN documents and to facilitate the timely processing of relevant documentation in all UN official languages, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would greatly appreciate it if the Permanent Missions’ Governments could provide an executive summary of their views in their submissions.

The executive summary should not exceed 400 words. This is a firm limit in order to meet the Secretary-General’s decision to reduce the length of reports by 10 per cent so as to comply with the respective General Assembly resolutions on control and limitation of documentation. Submissions received which exceed 400 words and for which no executive summary is provided can only be processed upon receipt of the executive summary.

The executive summary will be included in the report of the Secretary-General, while the submission *in extenso* will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs **unless an objection is communicated by the Permanent Missions' Governments.**

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful to receive the views on the issues outlined above from the Governments in **hard copy and electronically, in Microsoft Word format** by 12 May 2017 so as to facilitate the issuance of the report in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-second session. In order for the Secretariat to process the Governments' submissions, the **electronic version (word format only) is required.** Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to unoda-geneva@unog.ch.

Please note that the Office for Disarmament Affairs will not publish any views received from Member States after 25 August 2017 as an addendum to the main report. Those views will, instead, be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received, if requested by the relevant Member States.

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