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SUBJECT: **New extended deadline: 31 May 2020** - Submission of the report of the Secretary-General on Resolution 74/50 on Nuclear disarmament verification

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 74/50 entitled “Nuclear disarmament verification”, adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 2019.

By operative paragraph 2 of the resolution, the General Assembly:

“*Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the substantive views of Member States on the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Nuclear Disarmament Verification and to report back to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session”

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would like to refer to resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 entitled “Pattern of Conferences”, adopted by the General Assembly on 22 December 1997 and 18 December 1998 respectively.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, all Member States are kindly requested to restrict the length of their submissions without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or their content. The word limit for each report issued by the Secretariat, including all submissions, is **10,700 words** (20 pages).

The Secretariat encourages Member States to comply with General Assembly resolutions 52/214 and 53/208 in their submissions on disarmament issues to the Secretary General.

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, in order to facilitate the submission of the views on the issues outlined above by Member States, the original deadline for submission of 15 May 2020 **has been extended until 31 May 2020**. Member States are invited to cooperate to enable the Secretariat to ensure the timely issuance of the reports. All submissions should be sent **electronically, in Microsoft Word format**. Submissions received in other file formats cannot be processed. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

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Any views received after 31 May 2020 will be posted on the website of the Office for Disarmament Affairs in the original language received. No addenda will be issued.

The Office for Disarmament Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

4 May 2020