

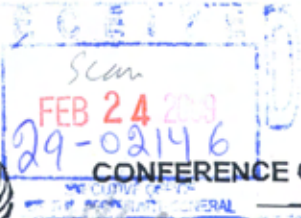
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1. Following confirmation that US Secretary of State Clinton and Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs Lavrov will meet in Geneva on Friday, 6 March, in order to lay the groundwork for the resumption of US-Russian talks on strategic nuclear weapons, the Conference on Disarmament in plenary session today decided to convene to hear an address by Foreign Minister Lavrov.

2. There is no confirmation as yet whether Secretary of State Clinton will be able to also address the Conference, as her schedule is not yet finalized.

3. The successful outcome of the planned US-Russian bilateral meeting will undoubtedly be a positive element for the work of the Conference in and of itself.

4. The address by Foreign Minister Lavrov, particularly coming on the heels of a bilateral meeting on disarmament issues with his US counterpart, will make an additional contribution to the task of raising the political profile of the Conference. A number of other dignitaries will also be addressing the Conference on Disarmament in the course of the first week of March. At present, one Vice President, and six Ministers or Vice Ministers are inscribed to speak. I am methodically working with Ambassadors and with various visiting officials to encourage additional high level speakers.

5. I shall keep you duly informed of any significant developments arising from these events.