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First session

Second session of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction

The Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction,

Recalling General Assembly decision 73/546 of 22 December 2018 and the decision of the Conference entitled “Dates of the annual sessions of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction”, adopted on 22 November 2019,¹ and bearing in mind the decision of the Conference entitled “Presidency of the Conference on the Establishment of a Middle East Zone Free of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction”, adopted on 22 November 2019,² as well as the statement made on 19 November 2019 by the President of the Conference at its first session concerning the draft rules of procedure of the Conference,³ and in the light of the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on United Nations conferences and meetings:

(a) Decides to postpone the second session of the Conference, scheduled for 16 to 20 November 2020, to a later date and to hold the second session as soon as circumstances permit, but not later than November 2021;

(b) Notes that the decision to postpone the second session of the Conference is taken on an exceptional basis and does not set a precedent either for the dates of future annual sessions or for the presidency of the Conference.

¹ [A/CONF.236/DEC.3](#).

² [A/CONF.236/DEC.4](#).

³ See [A/CONF.236/6](#).

