

The Strategic Concept for the Removal of Arms and Proliferation (SCRAP Weapons)

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Chapeau

Calling for the

- 1) Preventing war (including nuclear war), and strengthening international mechanisms through UN Charter Chapter VI for the peaceful resolution of disputes.
- 2) Implementing Article 26 of the UN Charter through plans and action for disarmament to release resources for economic and social development.

Although there has not been a UNGA Special Session on Disarmament since ~~UNSSOD~~, there have been exploratory talks, including the 2016/17 Open Ended Working Group which has defined the objectives and agenda for a ~~UNSSOD~~. Furthermore, on Decemberth 2021, the UN General Assembly adopted [Resolution A/Res/76/38](#)

to encourage consultations between Member States on ~~UNSSOD~~ decided to include the topic in debate in the 77th General Assembly in 2022, although this did not take place.

Therefore, to give effect to the clear political will for enhanced debate and progress towards disarmament, SCRAP Weapons identifies the need to set a date for ~~UNSSODs~~, with the support [of over eighty civil society representatives and signatories of SCRAP Weapons' Open Letter](#) strongly urge the implementation of a resolution that would initiate, by 2025, a committee to oversee preparations for ~~UNSSOD~~.