The Permanent Mission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his note OR 421/6(3) of 28 January 1977, requesting the views of Member States on the agenda of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, which the Assembly, in its resolution 31/109 B of 21 December 1976 (operative para. 3), decided to convene in May/June 1978, has the honour to propose the following:

1. The convening of a special session on disarmament should act as a catalyst in securing consensus from all Member States that general and complete disarmament would be possible within the near future.

2. All Member States should participate in the special session with a view to implementing those measures that would curb, and eventually stop the arms race and the spread of nuclear weapons.

3. Bearing in mind that a very large majority of the peoples of the world are suffering from malnutrition, starvation and disease; and that their economic, social, cultural and political situation is worsening; Member States should, if for no other reason, support disarmament measures on the ground of morality.

4. In addition to the adoption of resolutions by consensus at the special session, Member States should emphasize the need for regional co-operation as another means of strengthening the appeal to halt the arms race and the spread of nuclear weapons.

5. The slow-down in the arms race should coincide with a build-up of economic advancement especially in developing and non-industrialized States.

6. Careful evaluation should be made of expenditure on arms growth and serious appraisal given to the establishment of an international order that would promote justice and equity for all nations.
7. The ultimate aim of these conferences is to bring about complete disarmament, but Member States should not ignore the fact that a gradual process of denuclearization and arms reduction would help to lessen the threat of aggression and stabilize the maintenance of universal peace and security.