The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament established by the General Assembly at its tenth special session, as contained in paragraph 108 of its Final Document (resolution S-10/2), the contents of which read as follows:

"In order to promote expertise in disarmament in more Member States, particularly in the developing countries, the General Assembly decides to establish a programme of fellowships on disarmament ..."

In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to inform the Governments of the availability in 2017 of 25 fellowships, and to invite them to nominate a candidate for the Programme. Given the limited number of fellowships available, it is requested that only one candidate be nominated. The nomination of female candidates is encouraged. The nomination should reach the United Nations no later than 20 April 2017 and should be addressed to:

Coordinator,
United Nations Disarmament Fellowship,
Training and Advisory Services Programme
Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch
Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1
1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

Nominations received after 20 April 2017 will not be considered.

For ease of reference, the Guidelines for the awarding of United Nations Disarmament Fellowships in 2017 (Annex I), a Letter of Commitment for United Nations Disarmament Fellows (Annex II), a Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament Nomination Form, and a Checklist for completion of nomination dossier are attached.

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Annexes enclosed