

**Statement of His E xc Mr. François Rivasseau,  
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to the Conference on Disarmament**

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Dear Colleagues,

Last year this delegation had worked on the new issues with a certain number of delegations having expressed an interest in this area. We shared with the whole Conference the principal elements presented on 5 August 2004 by the various delegations within the framework of this consideration's exercise, in the form of an informal "non-paper".

This consideration continued this year and we updated the document of 5 August 2004 that we are glad to share with the whole Conference under the same conditions than last year.

The French delegation is pleased that the presidency of the Disarmament Conference (DC) organised five formal plenary sessions on a possible work programme during the second part of the session 2005. The first one having especially been dedicated, last 16 June, to the new issues with relation to the DC agenda. It is a new encouragement for all delegations, as ours, which estimate that the consideration on new and additional issues or "out of the box", is essential to build the consensus in the bosom of our forum.