To address the issues raised by N3070 and to make the standard more readable, we suggest to make the following changes. Only Change 3 is intended to be a semantic change that removes unneeded restrictions for auto that the existing extensions do not have.

**Change 1 (Clarify terminology)**

6.7 Declarations

6 If a declaration is said to declare identifiers, this refers only to the identifiers that are declared by the declarators listed in its init-declarator-list. Nested declarations, type specifiers, or definitions of enumeration constants that are part of a declaration may declare additional identifiers.

**Change 2 (Case 1 in N3070)**

2 A declaration other than a static_assert or attribute declaration shall declare at least a declarator (other than the parameters of a function or the members of a structure or union), a tag, or the members of an enumeration. One identifier, or specify at least one structure, union, or enumerated type using a type specifier that declares a tag, or specify at least one enumerated type that contains the definition for at least one enumeration constant.

**Change 3 (Case 2 in N3070)**

5 In an identifiers declared by an underspecified declaration all declared identifiers that do not have a prior declaration shall be ordinary identifiers. xxx) Other identifiers may be declared as part of the initializer.

**Change 4 (Case 3 in N3070)**

6.7.6.2 Array declarators

4 If the size is not present, the array type is an incomplete type. If the size is * instead of being an expression, the array type is a variable length array type of unspecified size, which can only be used in declarations or type names with function prototype scope as part of a parameter declaration. 174)

174) Thus, They can be used only in function declarations that are not definitions (see 6.7.6.3 and 6.9.1)

6.2.1 Scopes of identifiers, type names, and compound literals

8 As a special case, a type name (which is not a declaration of an identifier) is considered to have a scope that begins just after the place within the type name where the omitted identifier would appear were it not omitted. A compound ...

6.9.1 Constraints:

X. Variable length array types of unspecified size shall not be used as part of a parameter declaration in a function definition.