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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: reports of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-second session in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 31/91 and 31/92 of 14 December 1976.
2. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1977, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. At its 3rd meeting, on 7 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on agenda items 37, 50 and 127. The combined debate on these items took place at the 47th, 48th, 49th and 51st to 58th meetings, between 29 November and 9 December.
4. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with agenda item 50, the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on non-interference in the internal affairs of States, submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 31/91 of 14 December 1976 (A/32/164 and Add.1);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, submitted in accordance with paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 31/92 of 14 December 1976 (A/32/165 and Add.1 and 2);
 - (c) Letter dated 12 September 1977 from the Permanent Representatives of Burundi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/32/2);

- (d) Letter dated 8 November 1977 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/32/8);
- (e) Letter dated 6 December 1977 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/32/420).

5. At the 55th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Sri Lanka introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/32/L.45) on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Guyana, India, Iraq, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia, subsequently joined by the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritania and Morocco.

6. At the 57th meeting, on 8 December, the representative of Cyprus introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/32/L.47) on behalf of Algeria, Cyprus, Guyana, India, Iraq, Mali, Sri Lanka, Yugoslavia and Zambia, subsequently joined by the Congo, Madagascar and Nigeria.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/32/L.45 by a recorded vote of 88 to none, with 13 abstentions (see para. 9 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

8. At its 58th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/32/L.47 by a recorded vote of 94 to 1, with 19 abstentions (see para. 9 below, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

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In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

9. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Non-interference in the internal affairs of States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/91 of 14 December 1976 on non-interference in the internal affairs of States,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ containing the views of Member States on ways by which greater respect for the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of States can be assured,

1. Urges all States to abide by the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 31/91, which denounce any form of interference in the

1/ A/32/164 and Add.1, A/32/165 and Add.1 and 2.

internal or external affairs of other States and condemn all forms and techniques of coercion, subversion and defamation aimed at disrupting the political, social or economic order of other States;

2. Calls once again upon all States, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, to undertake necessary measures in order to prevent any hostile act or activity taking place within their territory and directed against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of another State;

3. Considers that a declaration on non-interference in the internal affairs of States would be an important contribution to the further elaboration of the principles for strengthening equitable co-operation and friendly relations among States, based on sovereign equality and mutual respect;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite all Member States once again to express their views on the question of non-interference in the internal affairs of States, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",

Bearing in mind the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security 2/ and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly concerning the implementation of the Declaration,

Noting with satisfaction current efforts towards the strengthening of international peace and security, the realization of arms limitation and disarmament measures, the universalization of the process of relaxation of tension and the promotion of peaceful co-operation in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the close link existing between the strengthening of international security, disarmament, decolonization and development, and stressing the need for concerted action to achieve progress in those areas and also the importance of the early implementation of the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth 3/ and seventh 4/ special sessions on the establishment of the new international economic order,

2/ General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV).

3/ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

4/ General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII).

Noting with profound concern the continuing existence of crises and hot-beds of tension in various regions endangering international peace and security, the continuation and intensification of the arms race as well as acts of aggression, foreign occupation, the threat or use of force, alien domination, foreign interference and the existence of colonialism, neo-colonialism, racial discrimination and apartheid, which remain the main obstacles to the strengthening of peace and security, and, in particular, the danger arising from the attempts of South Africa to acquire nuclear weapons,

Recognizing the need for objective dissemination of information about developments in the political, social, economic, cultural and other fields of all countries and the role and responsibility of the mass media in this respect, thus contributing to the growth of trust and friendly relations among States,

1. Calls upon all States to adhere fully to, and implement consistently, the purposes and principles of the United Nations and all the provisions of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and to contribute effectively to the increasing peace-keeping and peace-making role of the United Nations;

2. Reiterates with emphasis its recommendation that the Security Council should consider appropriate steps towards carrying out effectively, as provided in the Charter and the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security;

3. Reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under colonial and alien domination to achieve self-determination and independence and urges States to increase their support and solidarity with them and their national liberation movements and to undertake urgent and effective measures for the speedy completion of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples 5/ and of the other resolutions of the United Nations on the final elimination of colonialism, racism and apartheid;

4. Calls for the extension of the process of relaxation of tensions, which is still limited, to all regions of the world and the implementation of the principle of non-use of force or the threat thereof in order to help bring about just and lasting solutions to international problems with the participation of all States, so that peace and security will be based on effective respect for the sovereignty and independence of all States and the inalienable right of all peoples to determine their own destiny freely and without outside interference, coercion or pressure;

5. Reaffirms that any measure or pressure directed against any State while exercising its sovereign right freely to dispose of its natural resources constitutes a flagrant violation of the right of self-determination of peoples and the principle of non-intervention, as set forth in the Charter, which, if pursued, would constitute a threat to international peace and security;

5/ General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

6. Urges effective measures to put an end to the arms race and to promote disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, the creation of zones of peace and co-operation, the withdrawal of foreign military bases and the achievement of tangible progress towards general and complete disarmament under effective international control and the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in this regard;

7. Expresses the hope that further positive results will be achieved at the meeting at Belgrade of representatives of States participating in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, concerning the full implementation of the Final Act of the Conference, which will be conducive also to the strengthening of world security, bearing in mind the close interrelation of the security of Europe to the security of the Mediterranean, the Middle East and all other regions of the world, and supports the conversion of the Mediterranean into a zone of peace and co-operation in the interests of peace and security;

8. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, 6/ requests him to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a report on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

6/ A/32/165 and Add.1 and 2.