

November 1972, by which it entered into obligations similar to those implicit in Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for States parties thereto, and invites the Government of China to try to find procedures that will enable it to accede to the Protocol as soon as possible;

4. *Deploras* that the other two nuclear-weapon States have not yet heeded the urgent appeals which the General Assembly has made in four different resolutions and urges them once again to sign and ratify without further delay Additional Protocol II of the Treaty;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 2935 (XXVII) concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol II of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco)";

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the nuclear-weapon States and to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session of any measure adopted by them in order to implement it.

2093rd plenary meeting
29 November 1972

2992 (XXVII). Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace",

Noting the report of the Secretary-General³² submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of that resolution, in which he was requested to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made with regard to implementation of the Declaration,

Noting further that the consultations envisaged in paragraphs 2 and 3 of that resolution have not taken place,

Convinced that action in furtherance of the objectives of the Declaration would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security,

Noting that, in the Georgetown Declaration of 12 August 1972, the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries took note with satisfaction of the adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace and agreed that further steps should be taken at the Assembly's twenty-seventh session towards implementation of the Declaration,

1. *Calls upon* the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean, the permanent members of the Security Council and other major maritime users of the Indian Ocean to support the concept that the Indian Ocean should be a zone of peace;

2. *Decides* to establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean, consisting of no more than fifteen members, to study the implications of the proposal, with special reference to the practical measures that

³² A/8809.

may be taken in furtherance of the objectives of General Assembly resolution 2832 (XXVI), having due regard to the security interests of the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean and the interests of any other State consistent with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session;

3. *Decides further* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall consist of the following States: Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen and Zambia;³³

4. *Urges* all the States concerned to extend their co-operation to the *Ad Hoc* Committee in the discharge of its functions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace".

2111th plenary meeting
15 December 1972

2993 (XXVII). 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, contained in General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970, and also recalling Assembly resolution 2880 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971 on the implementation of that Declaration,

Noting with satisfaction that the development of encouraging trends and the improvement of relations among States in the bilateral, regional and multilateral spheres contribute to the strengthening of international security,

Expressing at the same time deep concern at the persistence of armed conflicts and other situations in different areas of the world which require the urgent attention of the international community in order to strengthen international security,

Recognizing that a co-ordinated approach, in accordance with the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, to the closely connected problems of the strengthening of international security, disarmament and development, including the evolving concept of collective economic security, would be conducive to a more precise identification of areas where progress might be achieved,

Reaffirming that respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is an essential element in the strengthening of international security,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,³⁴

1. *Solemnly reaffirms* all the principles and provisions contained in the Declaration on the Strengthening

³³ See A/8976.

³⁴ A/8775 and Add.1-4.