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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/102 of 9 December 1981.
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, 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. The Committee considered the item at its 46th, 49th to 56th and 59th meetings, on 29 November, and from 1 to 7 December and on 9 December (A/C.1/37/PV.46, 49-56 and 59).
4. In connection with item 59, the First Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of security and co-operation in the region of the Mediterranean (A/37/355 and Add.1-4);
 - (b) Note verbale dated 14 December 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/59);
 - (c) Letter dated 12 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/63-S/14833);

- (d) Letter dated 14 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/67-S/14839);
- (e) Letter dated 18 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/69);
- (f) Letter dated 21 January 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/73 and Corr.1);
- (g) Letter dated 3 February 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/82-S/14860);
- (h) Letter dated 4 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/83-S/14861);
- (i) Letter dated 8 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/84-S/14863);
- (j) Letter dated 10 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/85-S/14865);
- (k) Letter dated 19 February 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/93-S/14877);
- (l) Letter dated 8 February 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/104);
- (m) Note verbale dated 1 March 1982 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/105-S/14892);
- (n) Letter dated 5 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/114-S/14902);
- (o) Letter dated 15 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/117-S/14907);
- (p) Letter dated 17 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/120-S/14911);

- (q) Letter dated 12 May 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/225-S/15076);
- (r) Letter dated 13 May 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/226-S/15077);
- (s) Letter dated 17 May 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/227-S/15088);
- (t) Letter dated 25 May 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/255);
- (u) Letter dated 27 May 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/258-S/15133);
- (v) Letter dated 14 June 1982 from the representatives of Afghanistan and the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/297);
- (w) Letter dated 25 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/311);
- (x) Letter dated 22 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/333-S/15278);
- (y) Letter dated 28 June 1982 from the Permanent Representatives of the German Democratic Republic and Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/359);
- (z) Letter dated 13 August 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/388);
- (aa) Letter dated 26 August 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/410-S/15375);
- (bb) Letter dated 3 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/431-S/15389);
- (cc) Letter dated 10 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/438);

- (dd) Letter dated 22 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/498-S/15437);
- (ee) Letter dated 29 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/505);
- (ff) Letter dated 19 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/558);
- (gg) Letter dated 21 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/567-S/15466);
- (hh) Letter dated 19 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/578);
- (ii) Letter dated 12 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/635-S/15497);
- (jj) Letter dated 19 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/639-S/15498);
- (kk) Letter dated 27 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/37/7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/37/L.78

5. On 6 December, Algeria, the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Benin, Ecuador, Egypt, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Malta, Nigeria, Peru, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Togo, Yugoslavia and Zambia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/C.1/37/L.78), which was introduced by the representative of Yugoslavia at the 55th meeting, on 7 December. The draft resolution was subsequently also sponsored by the Congo, Madagascar, Mali and Panama.

6. At the 59th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of Yugoslavia orally revised the draft resolution by deleting the word "bloc" in the phrase "the pursuance of the bloc rivalry" in the third preambular paragraph and by changing the word "rivalry" to "confrontation" in the phrase "within the context of big-Power rivalry" in the fifth preambular paragraph.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a roll-call vote of 90 to none, with 18 abstentions (see para. 8). The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, 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, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

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

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Review of the Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

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

1/ The delegation of Albania announced that he was not participating in the vote, while the delegations of Guyana, Sierra Leone and Yemen subsequently indicated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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Noting with concern that the provisions of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security ^{2/} have not been fully implemented,

Profoundly disturbed by the continued escalation of tension in the world, the ever more frequent recourse to the threat or use of force, intervention, interference, aggression and foreign occupation, the continued stalemate in the solution of crises in different regions and their aggravation, the continuous escalation of the arms race and military build-up by major Powers, the pursuance of the policy of rivalry, confrontation and continued attempts to divide the world into spheres of influence and domination, the persistence of colonialism, racism and apartheid, the attempts to distort the nature of national liberation struggles and the lack of solution of the economic problems of developing countries, all of which endanger international peace and security,

Deeply concerned that the exacerbation of international tension has reached a point of deep crisis owing to the lack of progress in the settlement of international problems and conflicts and to the lack of progress in disarmament,

Alarmed by the intensification, expansion of the scope and frequency of manoeuvres and other military activities, which are assuming dangerous proportions, which are conceived within the context of big-Power confrontation and which are used as an instrument of pressure against and threat to the independence of States and liberation of peoples struggling against alien and colonial domination, leading to destabilization of international relations,

Noting with concern that the United Nations system of collective security has not been used effectively,

Aware that international peace and security can be maintained and strengthened only on the basis of freedom, independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and equality of States, as well as self-determination of peoples under colonial and foreign domination, respect for fundamental human rights and the development of friendly relations among States,

Stressing the need for the main organs of the United Nations responsible for the maintenance of peace and security, particularly the Security Council, to contribute more effectively to the promotion of international peace and security by seeking solutions to the unresolved problems and crises in the world,

Emphasizing that the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries has significantly contributed to the struggle for national liberation and to the efforts of the United Nations towards the promotion of international peace and security, the democratization of international relations, the development of international co-operation and the establishment of a system of international relations based on justice, sovereign equality and security of all States and peoples, in accordance with the purpose and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and policy of non-alignment,

^{2/} Resolution 2734 (XXV).

Noting the report of the Secretary-General, 3/ which incorporated the views of Member States on the question of the strengthening of security and co-operation in the region of the Mediterranean, and recalling the provisions of the chapter on the Mediterranean in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975, the recommendations of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, as well as official declarations on and contributions to peace and security in that region made by individual countries,

1. Reaffirms once more the universal and unconditional validity of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations as the firm basis of relations among all States, irrespective of size, geographic location, level of development or political, economic, social or ideological systems;

2. Urges all States to abide strictly, in their international relations, by their commitment to the Charter and, to that end:

(a) To refrain from the use or threat of use of force, intervention, interference, aggression, foreign occupation and colonial domination or measures of political and economic coercion which violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and security of other States or their right freely to dispose of their natural resources;

(b) To refrain from supporting or encouraging any such act for any reason whatsoever;

(c) To reject and refuse recognition of situations brought about by any such act;

3. Calls upon all States to contribute effectively to the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security;

4. Calls further upon all States, in particular nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, to take immediate steps aimed at promoting the system of collective security as envisaged in the Charter together with measures for the effective halting of the arms race and for the achievement of general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

5. Invites all States, in particular the major military Powers and States members of military alliances, to refrain, especially in critical situations and in crisis areas, from actions, including military activities and manoeuvres, which constitute a pressure and threat to other States and regions;

6. Urges all States, in particular the permanent members of the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to prevent the further deterioration of the international situation and, to this end:

3/ A/37/355 and Add.1-4.

(a) To seek the peaceful settlement of disputes and the elimination of the focal points of crisis and tension;

(b) To start serious, meaningful and effective negotiations with a view to implementing the recommendations and decisions contained in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly 4/ and to fulfilling the priority tasks set forth in its Programme of Action, which were solemnly reaffirmed in the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly; 5/

(c) To contribute to an urgent solution of international economic problems and the establishment of the new international economic order;

(d) To accelerate the economic development of developing countries, particularly the least developed ones;

(e) To proceed without any delay to a global consideration of ways and means for a revival of the world economy and for the restructuring of international economic relations within the framework of the global negotiations;

7. Takes note of the fact that the Security Council has again failed to report to the General Assembly on steps taken to implement the provisions of paragraphs 13 and 15 of Assembly resolution 35/158 of 12 December 1980 and urges the Security Council to do so without delay;

8. Requests once again the Security Council to consider ways and means to ensure the implementation of the relevant provisions of paragraphs 4 and 6 above as well as to examine all existing mechanisms and to propose new ones aimed at enhancing the authority and enforcement capacity of the Council in accordance with the Charter, and to explore also the possibility of holding periodic meetings of the Council, in conformity with Article 28 of the Charter, at the ministerial or higher level in specific cases, so as to enable it to play a more active role in preventing potential conflicts, and to present the Council's conclusions to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

9. Reiterates the need for the Security Council, in particular its permanent members, to ensure the effective implementation of its decisions in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Charter;

10. Considers that respect for and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in their civil, political, economic, social and cultural aspects, on the one hand, and the strengthening of international peace and security, on the other, mutually reinforce each other;

11. Reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under colonial domination, foreign occupation or racist régimes and their inalienable right to

4/ Resolution S-10/2.

5/ A/S-12/32.

self-determination and independence, and urges Member States to increase their support for and solidarity with them and their national liberation movements and to take urgent and effective measures for the speedy completion of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and for the final elimination of colonialism, racism and apartheid;

12. Calls upon the Security Council to take appropriate effective measures to promote the fulfilment of the objective of the denuclearization of Africa in order to avert the serious danger which the nuclear capability of South Africa constitutes to the African States, in particular to the front-line States, as well as to international peace and security;

13. Reiterates its support for the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace 6/ and expresses the hope that the Conference on the Indian Ocean, which is an important stage in the realization of the objectives of that Declaration, will be held not later than in the first half of 1984 and, to this end, calls upon all States to contribute effectively to the success of that Conference;

14. Calls upon all States participating in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, at Madrid, to take all possible measures and exert every effort in order to ensure substantial and balanced results of that meeting in the implementation of the principles and goals established by the Final Act of the Conference signed at Helsinki on 1 August 1975, as well as the continuity of the multilateral process initiated by the Conference, which has great significance for the strengthening of peace and security in Europe and in the world;

15. Considers that the security of the Mediterranean and the security of the adjacent regions are interdependent and that further efforts are necessary for the creation of conditions of security and fruitful co-operation in all fields for all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean on the basis of the principles of sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, security, non-intervention and non-interference, non-violation of international frontiers, non-use of force, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territories by force, peaceful settlement of disputes and just and viable solutions of the existing problems and crises in the area on the basis of the Charter and relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation, respect for sovereignty over natural resources and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence;

16. Calls upon all Governments that have not done so to submit before the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly their views on the question of the strengthening of security and co-operation in the region of the Mediterranean and requests the Secretary-General to submit, on the basis of all replies received, an analytical report on this question to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

17. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region";

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".
