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I, INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, at its forty-second session, adopted resolution 42/39 D of 30 November 1987, entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia". The text of that resolution reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 39/63 J of 12 December 1984, in which it requested the Secretary-General to provide assistance to such Member States in the regions concerned as might request it with a view to establishing regional and institutional arrangements for the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign, on the basis of existing resources and of voluntary contribution@
thrt Member States might make to thrt end,

"Reaffirming its resolutions 37/100 F of 13 December 1982, 38/73 J of 15 December 1983 and 39/63 F of 12 December 1984 on regional disarmament,

"Bearing in mind resolutions 40/151 G of 10 December 1985, which established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, and 41/60 J of 3 December 1986, which established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America,

"1. Decides to establish the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia with headquarters at Kathmandu, on the basis of existing resources and of voluntary contributions that Member States and interested organisations may make to that end;

"2. Decides also that the Centre shall provide, on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asian region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, through appropriate utilization of available resources, and shall co-ordinate the implementation of regional activities in Asia under the World Disarmament Campaign;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures to ensure the establishment and functioning of the Centre, including, to that end, the possible utilisation of the existing United Nations infrastructure at Kathmandu with a view to the full employment of available resources;

"4. Invites Member States and interested organizations to make voluntary contributions to the Centre;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution."

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 42/39 D.

/X. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF THE CENTRE

3, On 8 June 1988, the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations and the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs signed an agreement and a memorandum of understanding that established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia at Kathmandu,

Structure and staffing

4, Taking into account the provision made in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 42/39 D, the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat has consulted with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department of Public Information. It has been agreed that the building owned by UNDP will temporarily house the Centre and that the Resident Representative of UNDP in Kathmandu will be entrusted, on an interim basis, with the functions of the Director of the Centre. Extrabudgetary funds will be made available to the Centre to hire a local information assistant and meet some operational expenses to enable it to carry out its initial activities. The Centre will operate under the auspices of the Department for Disarmament Affairs.

Objectives and activities of the Centre

5, The General Assembly, in its resolution 42/39 D, decided that the Centre should provide, on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asian region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, through appropriate utilization of available resources, and should co-ordinate the implementation of regional activities in Asia under the World Disarmament Campaign,

Finance

6, By its resolution 42/39 D, the General Assembly decided to establish the Centre on the basis of existing resources and of voluntary contributions that Member States might make to that end,

7, As of July 1988, the Department for Disarmament Affairs has initiated action to establish a trust fund for the Centre. The Government of Nepal pledged to contribute \$14,000 to the Centre to be paid in two equal annual installments. In addition, in March 1988, Risho Kosei-Kai, a Japanese non-governmental organization, contributed \$15,750 to the Centre,

8, The Secretary-General wishes to emphasize that, in view of the continuing financial crisis of the Organization, it will not be possible to realize any savings from the regular budget to be allocated for the financing of the Centre. Thus, the Centre will require voluntary contributions from Member States and interested organizations and individuals in order to meet basic administrative costs and staffing needs, as well as to be able to carry out substantive activities as foreseen by the Assembly in its resolution 42/39 D.
