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REVIEW AND **IMPLEMENTATION** OF **THE** CONCLUDING DOCUMENT OF
THE TWELFTH SPECIAL SESSION OF **THE GENERAL** ASSEMBLY

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "**Review** and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General **Assembly:**

- "(a) Regional disarmament;
- "(b) Disarmament and international security;
- "(c) Nuclear-arms **freeze;**
- "(d) World Disarmament Campaign;
- "(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;
- "(f) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;
- "(g) United **Nations** **disarmament** fellowship, training and advisory services programme;
- "(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia;
- "(i) United Nations Regional **Centre** for Peace, Disarmsmeat and Development in Latin America and the **Caribbean**"

was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-fourth session in accordance with General Assembly resolutions **42/39 E** of 30 November 1987 and **43/76 A, B, C, D, E, F, G** and **H** of 7 December 1988.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, 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 2nd meeting, on 13 October, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament **items** allocated to it, namely items 49 to 69 and 151. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and the 25th meetings, from 16 October to 1 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.3** to **25**). Consideration of and action on draft resolutions on those items took place between the 26th and **41st** meetings, from 2 to 17 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.26** to 41).

4. In connection with item 64, the First Committee had before it the following documents :

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament; **1/**

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on regional disarmament (A/44/513) **1**

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (**A/44/582**);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia (**A/44/583**);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (A/44/584);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the World Disarmament Campaign (A/44/647);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme (**A/44/663**);

(h) Letter dated 3 March 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/163);

(i) Letter dated 18 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Final Communiqué of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (session on Islamic fraternity and solidarity) held at Riyadh, from 13 to 16 March 1989 (**A/44/235-S/20600**);

(j) Letter dated 22 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Final Statement of the Palme Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues, issued at Stockholm on 14 April 1989 (**A/44/293-S/20653**);

(k) Letters dated 6 and 23 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/305-S/20676, A/44/347-S/20702);

(l) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare, from 17 to 19 May 1989 (A/44/409-S/20743 and Corr.1 and 2);

(m) Letter dated 22 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade, from 4 to 7 September 1989 (A/44/551-S/20870);

(n) Letter dated 26 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communiqué adopted by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, held at Kuala Lumpur, from 18 to 24 October 1989 (A/44/689-S/20921);

(o) Letter dated 23 October 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/694);

(p) Letter dated 2 November 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Finland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/705-S/20940);

(q) Letter dated 8 November 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the communique of the Meeting of the Committee of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty which was held in Warsaw on 26 and 27 October 1989 (A/C.1/44/7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.4

5. On 27 October, Banladesh, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Egypt, the German Democratic Republic, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Venezuela and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution entitled "World Disarmament Campaign" (A/C.1/44/L.4), which was later also sponsored by Mongolia. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Mexico at the 29th meeting, on 7 November.

6. At its 32nd meeting, on 9 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.4 by a recorded vote of 117 to none, with 9 abstentions (see para. 21, draft resolution A). The voting was as follows: 2/

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

B. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.27

1. On 30 October, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malawi, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire submitted a draft resolution entitled "Regional disarmament" (A/C.1/44/L.27), which was later also sponsored by Malta, New Zealand and Romania.

2/ Subsequently, the delegations of Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Kuwait, Mauritania and the Sudan indicated that they had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

8. At its 35th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.27 without a vote (see para. 21, draft resolution B).

C. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.39

9. On 30 October, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Romania, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution, entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons" (A/C.1/44/L.39), which was later also sponsored by Ethiopia and Madagascar. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of India at the 31st meeting, on 8 November.

10. At its 33rd meeting, on 10 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.39 by a recorded vote of 113 to 17, with 4 abstentions (see para. 21, draft resolution C). The voting was as follows: 3/

- In favour:** Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
- Against:** Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.
- Abstaining:** Greece, Ireland, Israel, Japan.

3/ Subsequently, the delegations of Afghanistan, Kenya and Mauritania indicated that they had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

D. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.40 and Rev.1

11. On 30 October, ~~India, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Romania~~ and ~~Sweden~~ submitted a draft resolution entitled "Nuclear-arms freeze" (A/C.1/44/L.40), which was introduced by the reprzsstativs of India at the 31st meeting, on 6 November.

12. On 13 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/44/L.40/Rev.1), which contained the following change: at the end of the seventh preambular paragraph, the phrase "and had begun the process of shutting down its reactors producing weapons-grade plutonium," was added,

13. At its 37th meeting, on 15 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.40/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 115 to 13, with 4 abstentions (see para. 21, draft resolution D). The voting was as follows: 4/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, **Algeria**, **Angola**, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei **Darussalam**, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, **Byelorussian Soviet** Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, **Congo**, **Côte d'Ivoire**, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, **Gabon**, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, **India**, **Indonesia**, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, **Jordan**, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, **Juriname**, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of **Tanzania**, Uruguay, Venezuela, **Viet Nam**, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

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

Abstaining: China, Costa ~~Rica~~, Iceland, Spain.

4/ Subsequently, the delegation of Colombia indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

E. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.59 and Rev.1

14. On 30 October, Algeria, Argentina, Colombia, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Liberia, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Zaire submitted a draft resolution entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme" (A/C.1/44/L.59).

15. On 3 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/44/L.59/Rev.1), which was later also sponsored by Bolivia, Cuba, Germany, Federal Republic of, the Philippines, Sweden and Viet Nam. The revised draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Nigeria at the 32nd meeting, on 9 November, and contained the following change: at the end of operative paragraph 5, the phrase "within existing resources" was added.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.59/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 21, draft resolution E).

F. Draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.63 and Rev.1

17. On 30 October, Bangladesh, China, Democratic Yemen, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, on behalf of the Group of African States, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Philippines and Sri Lanka submitted a draft resolution entitled "United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament in Africa and Asia and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean" (A/C.1/44/L.63), which was later also sponsored by Japan, Myanmar and Singapore. On 9 November, Oman requested that its name be deleted from the list of sponsors of the draft resolution.

18. On 14 November, Bangladesh, China, Democratic Yemen, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, on behalf of the Group of African States, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Philippines, Singapore, and Sri Lanka submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/44/L.63/Rev.1), which was later also sponsored by New Zealand. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of Lesotho on behalf of the Group of African States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, as well as the other sponsors of the draft resolution, at the 38th meeting, on 16 November, and contained the following changes:

(a) A new ninth preambular paragraph was added, reading:

"Noting that the responsibilities of the United Nations Regional Centre For Peace and Disarmament in Asia include the Asia-Pacific region,";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, the phrase: "Decides to establish" was replaced by the phrase: "Requests the Secretary-General to establish, as soon as practicable,";

(c) A new operative paragraph 4 was added, reading:

"4. **Decides** to rename the United Nations Regional Centre for **Peace** and Disarmament in Asia as "**The** United Nations Regional Centre for **Peace** and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific";

and the subsequent paragraph was renumbered accordingly.

19. In that connection, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.1/44/L.64 and Rev.1).

20. At its 30th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/44/L.63/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 130 to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 21, draft resolution F). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, **Benin**, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, **Byelorussian** Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, **Central** African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, **Côte d'Ivoire**, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab **Jamahiriyah**, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, **Myanmar**, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Solomon **Islands**, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian **Soviet** Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, **Yugoslavia**, **Zaire**, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America,

Abstaining: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the
Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly

A

World Disarmament Campaign

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in paragraph 15 of the Final Document **of the Tenth** Special Session of the General Assembly, **5/** the first special session devoted to disarmament, it declared that it was essential that not only Governments but also the peoples of the world recognise and understand the dangers **in** the present situation and stressed the importance of **mobilizing** world public opinion on behalf of disarmament,

Recalling also its resolution 43/76 C of 7 December 1988,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 20 October 1989 **6/** on the implementation of the programme **of** activities of the World Disarmament Campaign by the United Nations **system**,

Having also examined the part of the report of the Secretary-General of 26 October 1989 dealing with the activities of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters relating to the implementation **of** the World Disarmament Campaign, as well **as** the Final **Act** of the Seventh United **Nations** Pledging Conference for the Campaign, held on 25 October 1989,

Taking note with appreciation of the contribution⁶ that Member States have already made to the Campaign,

1. Reiterates its commendation of the manner in which, as described in the above-mentioned reports, the World Disarmament Campaign has been geared by the Secretary-General in order to guarantee "the widest possible dissemination of information and unimpeded **access** for all sectors **of** the public to a broad range of information and opinions on questions of **arms** limitation and disarmament. and the dangers relating to **all** aspects **of** the **arms** race and war, in particular nuclear war"; ^{7/}

5/ Resolution S-1012.

6/ A/44/647.

7/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9 to 13, document A/S-12/32, annex V, para. 4.

2. Recalls that, as was also agreed by consensus in the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special **Session** of the General Assembly, the second special session devoted to disarmament, it is **likewise** an essential requisite for the universality of the Campaign that it receive "**the** co-operation and participation of all States"; 7/

3. Endorses once more the statement made by the **Secretary-General** on the occasion of the Third United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Disarmament Campaign 8/ to the effect that such **co-operation** implies that adequate funds be made available and that **consequently** the criterion of universality also applies to pledges, since a campaign without world-wide participation and funding will have difficulty in reflecting this **principle** in its implementation;

4. Urges States that have not yet done so, especially those with the largest military expenditures, to make an initial financial contribution to the Campaign;

5. Decides that at its forty-fifth session there should be an eighth United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Disarmament Campaign, and expresses the hope that on that occasion all those Member States that have not yet done so will announce voluntary contributions, bearing in mind the objectives of the Third Disarmament Decade and the need to ensure its **success**;

6. Reiterates its recommendation that the voluntary contributions made by Member States to the World Disarmament Campaign Voluntary Trust Fund should not be earmarked for specific activities inasmuch as it is **most** desirable that the Secretary-General enjoy full freedom to take the decisions he deems fit within the framework of the Campaign previously approved by the General Assembly and in exercise of the powers vested in him in connection with the Campaign;

7. Notes with appreciation that the Secretary-General has given permanent character to his instructions to the United Nations information centres and regional commissions to give wide publicity to the Campaign and, whenever necessary, to adapt, as far as possible, United Nations information materials to local languages;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a report covering both the implementation of the programme of activities of the Campaign by the United Nations system during 1990 and the programme of activities contemplated by the system for 1991;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to assess the achievements and shortcomings of the World Disarmament Campaign so far and to submit a brief report in this regard to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

8/ See A/CONF.131/SR.1.

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "World Disarmament Campaign".

B

Regional disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/100 F of 13 December 1982, 38/73 J of 15 December 1983, 39/63 F of 12 December 1984, 40/94 A of 12 December 1985, 41/59 M of 3 December 1986 and 42/39 E of 30 November 1987, relating to regional disarmament,

Reaffirming that all States, in particular nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, have the **responsibility** of halting and reversing the arms race,

Considering that regional disarmament measures enable all States to contribute to the **general** process of arms reduction and disarmament,

Confirming the importance and potential effectiveness of **regional** disarmament measures taken at the initiative of the **region** and with the participation of all the States concerned, in that they can contribute to the realisation of general and **complete** disarmament under strict and effective international control and **therefore** to security and stability,

Stressing that any regional disarmament enterprise **must** take into account the specific conditions characteristic of each region,

Also stressing that it is for the countries themselves of a region to take appropriate initiatives in common and to prepare agreements that will allow the achievement of regional disarmament,

Further stressing that disarmament efforts in a **region** cannot be isolated either from the disarmament efforts in other regions or from global disarmament efforts both in the nuclear and conventional field,

Taking into account Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations and the decisions and recommendations appearing in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, particularly in paragraph 114, 5/

Aware of those studies which have already been carried out and of the views of States which are of interest for regional disarmament,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his report submitted pursuant to resolution 42/39 E; 2/

2. **Notes with concern** that conflicts continue to **threaten** regional and global peace and security but that prospects **are emerging** for the peaceful settlement of certain regional conflicts;

3. **Notes with satisfaction** the importance **of** the regional measures that have already been **adopted** and the regional efforts undertaken in the field of nuclear and conventional disarmament¹

4. **Welcomes** the progress made since its forty-second session with respect to

(a) The process initiated by the agreement of 7 August 1987 on the "Procedure for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America" (Esquipulas II) between the countries of Central America ^{10/} in order to arrive at a lasting peace in that region, and that has resulted in the recent Tela agreement; ^{11/}

(b) The **resumption**, in Vienna, of negotiations in the area of confidence- and security-building measures, as well as the new negotiation on conventional armed **forces** in Europe, both within the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe process, which have been **characterized** by rapid progress since they began in March 1989;

5. **Encourages** all States to consider and develop as far as possible regional solutions in the matter **of** arms reduction **and** disarmament¹

6. **Invites** all States and regional institutions associated with regional **disarmament** efforts to report thereon to the Secretary-General;

7. **Requests** the United Nations to lend its assistance to States and regional institutions that may request it, with the view to the institution of measures within **the** framework of an effort for **regional** disarmament¹

8. **Requests** the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly regularly informed of the implementation of resolutions on regional disarmament and **of** the activities which **the** Secretariat, in particular **the** Department for Disarmament Affairs, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research are conducting in the field of regional disarmament;

9. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Regional disarmament: report of the Secretary-General".

^{10/} A/42/521-S/19085, annex. For the printed text see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987, document S/19085, annex.

^{11/} A/44/451-S/20778.

C

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons

The General Assembly,

Convinced that the existence and use of nuclear weapons poses the greatest threat to the survival of mankind,

Conscious that the ongoing nuclear-arms **race increases** the danger of the use of nuclear weapons,

Convinced that nuclear disarmament is the only ultimate guarantee against the use of nuclear weapons,

Convinced also that a multilateral agreement prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons should strengthen international security and help to create the climate for negotiations **leading** to the complete elimination of nuclear weapons,

Recalling that, in paragraph 58 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, **5/** it is stated that all States should actively participate in efforts to bring about conditions in international relations among States in which a code of peaceful conduct of nations in international affairs could be agreed upon and that would preclude the **use** or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Reaffirming that the use of nuclear weapons would be **a** violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a crime against humanity, as declared in its resolutions 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961, **33/71 B** of 14 December 1978, **34/83 G** of 11 December 1979, **35/152 D** of 12 **December** 1980 and **36/92 I** of **9 December** 1981,

Noting with regret that the Conference on Disarmament, during its 1989 session, was not able to undertake negotiations with a view to achieving agreement on an international convention prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances, taking as a basis the text annexed to General Assembly resolution **43/76 E** of 7 December 1988,

1. Reiterates its request to the Conference on Disarmament to **commence** negotiations, as **a matter** of priority, in order to reach agreement on an international convention prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances, taking as a basis the draft Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons annexed to the present resolution;

2. Further requests the Conference on Disarmament to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the results of those negotiations.

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ANNEX

**Draft Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of
Nuclear Weapons**

The States Parties to this Convention,

Alarmed by the threat to the very survival of mankind posed by the existence **of nuclear weapons,**

Convinced that any use of nuclear weapons constitute⁶ a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a crime against humanity,

Convinced that this Convention would be a step **towards** the complete elimination of nuclear **weapons leading to goners¹** and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Determined to continue negotiation⁶ **for the achievement of this** goal,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The States Parties to this Convention solemnly undertake not to use **or** threaten to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances.

Article 2

This Convention **shall** be of unlimited duration.

Article 3

1. This Convention shall be open to all States **for** signature. **Any** State that does **not** sign the Convention before **its** entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of **this** article may **accede** to it at any time.

2. This Convention shall be subject **to** ratification by **signatory** States. **Instruments of ratification** or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General **of the United Nations.**

3. This Convention shall enter into force on the deposit of instruments of ratification by twenty-five Governments, including the Governments of the five nuclear-weapon States, in accordance with paragraph 2 **of** this article.

4. **For States** whose **instruments of** ratification or accession are deposited after the entry into force of the Convention, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposits **of** their instrument⁶ **of** ratification **or** accession.

5. The depositary shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit **of each instrument** of ratification **or accession** and the date of the entry into **force of this Convention**, as well as of the receipt of other **notices**,

6. This **Convention** shall be registered **by** the depositary in **accordance** with Article 102 of the Charter **of** the United **Nations**,

Article 4

This Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish **texts** are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send duly certified copies thereof to the Government of the signatory and **acceding** States,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly **authorized** thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, **opened for signature** at _____ on the d a y o f o n e t h o u s a n d nine hundred and _____.

D

Nuclear-arms freeze .

The General Assembly,

Recalling that., in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, **5/** the first special session devoted to disarmament, adopted in 1978 and unanimously and categorically reaffirmed in 1982 during the twelfth **special session** Of the General **Assembly, 12/** the **second special session** devoted to disarmament, the **Assembly** expressed deep concern over the threat to the **very** survival of mankind posed by the existence of nuclear weapons and the continuing arms race,

Convinced that, in this nuclear age, lasting world peace can be based only on the attainment of the goal of general and complete **disarmament** under effective international control,

Welcoming the new trend⁶ that have led to an improvement in the international security environment,

Convinced of the urgency further to pursue negotiation⁶ for the substantial reduction and qualitative limitation of existing nuclear **arms**,

^{12 /} See Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9 to 13, document A/S-12/32.

Considering that a nuclear-arms **freeze**, while not an and in **itself**, would constitute **an** effective step to prevent the continued **increase** and qualitative improvement **of existing nuclear** weaponry during the period when the negotiations take place, and that at the same time it would provide a **favourable** environment for the conduct of negotiations to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons,

Convinced that the undertakings derived from the freeze can be effectively verified,

Welcoming the announcement that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will cease production of highly enriched uranium **for** nuclear weapons purpose⁶ by the end of 1989, and had begun the process of shutting down its reactors producing weapons-grade plutonium,

Noting with deep concern that all nuclear-weapon States have **not so** far taken any collective action in response to the call made **in** the relevant **resolutions** on the question of a nuclear-arms freeze,

1. Urges once more both the **Union** of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, **as** the two major nuclear-weapon **States**, to reach agreement on an immediate nuclear-arms **freeze**, which would, inter alia, provide for a simultaneous total stoppage of any further production of nuclear **weapon⁶** and a complete cut-off in the production of fissionable material for weapons **purposes**;

2. Calls upon all nuclear-weapon States to agree, through a joint declaration, to **a comprehensive** nuclear-arms freeze, whose structure and scope would be the following:

(a) It would embrace:

- (i) A comprehensive test ban on nuclear weapons and on their **delivery** vehicles;
- (ii) The complete cessation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons and of their delivery vehicles;
- (iii) A ban on all further deployment **of** nuclear **weapons** and of their delivery vehicles;
- (iv) The complete cessation of the production of **fissionable** material for weapons **purposes**;

(b) It would be subject to appropriate and effective measures and procedures of verification)

3. Requests the nuclear-weapon States to submit a joint report, or separate reports, to the General Assembly, prior to the opening of its **forty-fifth** session, **on** the implementation of the **present** resolution!

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Nuclear-arms freeze".

E

United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory
services programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision, contained in paragraph 108 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, 5/ the first special session devoted to disarmament, to establish a programme of fellowships on disarmament, as well as its decisions contained in annex IV to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, 12/ the second special session devoted to disarmament, in which it decided, *inter alia*, to continue the programme and to increase the number of fellowships from 20 to 25 as from 1983,

Noting with satisfaction that the programme has already trained an appreciable number of public officials selected from geographical regions represented in the United Nations system, most of whom are now in positions of responsibility in the field of disarmament affairs in their respective countries or Governments,

Recalling its resolutions 37/100 G of 13 December 1982, 38/73 C of 15 December 1983, 39/63 B of 12 December 1984, 40/1151 H of 16 December 1985, 41/60 H of 3 December 1986, 42/39 I of 30 November 1987 and 43/76 F of 11 December 1988,

Noting with satisfaction that the programme, as designed, has enabled an increased number of public officials, particularly from the developing countries, to acquire more expertise in the sphere of disarmament,

Believing that the forms of assistance available to Member States, particularly to developing countries, under the programme will enhance the capabilities of their officials to follow ongoing deliberations and negotiations on disarmament, both bilateral and multilateral,

1. Reaffirms its decisions contained in annex IV to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly 5/ and the report of the Secretary-General 13/ approved by resolution 33/71 E of 14 December 1978:

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America for inviting the 1989 fellows to study selected activities in the field of disarmament, thereby contributing to the fulfilment of the overall objectives of the programme ;
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of Nigeria for serving as host to the United Nations Regional Disarmament Workshop for Africa, which examined African security perceptions and requirements, including related regional issues, and to the Government of Norway for making financial contributions for the Workshop;
4. Commends the Secretary-General for the diligence with which the programme has continued to be carried out;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the implementation of the programme within existing resources)
6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the programme.

F

United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament in Africa and Asia and the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/151 G of 16 December 1985, 41/60 D of 3 December 1986, 42/39 J of 30 November 1987 and 43/76 D of 7 December 1988 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, 41/60 J of 3 December 1986, 42/39 K of 30 November 1987 and 43/76 H of 7 December 1988 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 42/39 D of 30 November 1987 and 43/76 C of 7 December 1988 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament, in Asia,

Reaffirming its resolutions 37/100 F of 13 December 1982, 38/73 J of 15 December 1983, 39/63 F of 12 December 1984, 40/94 A of 12 December 1985, 41/159 M of 3 December 1986 and 42/39 E of 30 November 1987 on regional disarmament,

Taking note of the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989, 14/ and noting in particular the importance placed

by the Heads of ~~State~~ or Government on the activities of the United Nations regional centres in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean,

Convinced that the initiatives and activities mutually agreed upon by Member States of the respective regions aimed at fostering mutual confidence and security, as well as the implementation and co-ordination of regional activities under the World **Disarmament** Campaign, would encourage and facilitate the development of effective measures of confidence-building, arms limitation and disarmament in ~~these~~ regions,

Expressing its gratitude to the Member States and international governmental and non-governmental **organizations** that have contributed to the trust funds of the three regional centres,

Bearing in mind the need to provide the centres with financial stability 60 as to facilitate the planning of their activities,

Noting with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the regional centres in Africa, 15/ Asia 16/ and Latin America and the Caribbean, 17/ and the efforts of the Secretary-General in providing the necessary administrative measures to permit the establishment of the **three** centres,

Convinced that the appointment of a Director to head each of the three regional Centre⁶ is essential to ensure the continued effective functioning of the centres,

Noting that the responsibilities of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia include the Asia-Pacific region,

1. Appeals once again to Member States, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental **organizations**, to make voluntary contribution⁶ in order to strengthen the effective operational activities of the centres)

2. Commends the Secretary-General for all the efforts he has made in favour of the centres, and requests him to continue to provide all the necessary support to their activities)

3. Requests the Secretary-General to establish, as soon as practicable, the post of Director at each of the regional centres so as to ensure the effective **functioning** of the centres:

15/ A/44/582.

16/ A/44/583.

17/ A/44/584.

4. ~~Decides~~ to rename the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia as the "United Nations Regional Centre *for* Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific")

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