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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" was included in the **provisional** agenda of the forty-fourth session in **accordance** with General Assembly **resolution 43/84** 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. The general debate on **and** consideration of agenda **item** 71 took place **jointly** with items 72 and 73 **between** the **46th** and the 52nd meetings, from 22 to 30 November (see **A/C.1/44/PV.46-52**).
4. In connection with item 71, **the** First Committee had before it the following *documents* :
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (**A/44/670**);
 - (b) Letters dated 4 and 6 **January**, 1989 from **the** **Chargé d'affaires a.i.**, of **the** Permanent Mission of Ghana to **the** United Nations **addressed** to the Secretary-General (**A/44/65-6/20368** and **A/44/76-5/20355**);
 - (c) Letter dated 6 January 1989 from the Permanent **Representative** of Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (**A/44/72-5/20380**);

(d) Letter dated 13 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the communiqué, the declaration and the appeal issued by the Committee of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty at its session held at Berlin on 11 and 12 April 1989 (A/44/228) 1

(e) Letter dated 24 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Appeal of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty to the member States of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (A/44/295);

(f) Letter dated 11 July 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the documents adopted at the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty, held in Bucharest on 7 and 8 July 1989 (A/44/386);

(g) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the final documents of the Minister8 meeting of the Co-ordination Bureau of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries, held in Harare, from 17 to 19 May 1989 (A/44/409-6/20743 and Corr.1 and 2);

(h) Letter dated 19 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/542-S/20854);

(i) 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 in Belgrade, from 4 to 7 September 1989 (A/44/551-S/20870);

(j) Letter dated 29 September 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/594);

(k) Letter dated 1 December 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Italy and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/838-S/21003).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/44/L.70

5. On 28 November, Algeria, Cyprus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia and Yugoslavia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region" (A/C.1/44/L.70), which was introduced by the representative of Malta at the 52nd meeting, on 30 November.

6. At the ~~same meeting~~, the representative of Malts orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the seventh **preambular** paragraph the word "**action**" was replaced by the word "**actions**";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, the phrase "**the politically significant achievements**" was replaced by the phrase "the militarily significant and politically binding **achievements**".

7. At its **52nd** meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution **A/C.1/44/L.70**, as orally **revised**, without a vote (see **para. 8**).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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

Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions **36/102** of **9 December 1981**, **37/118** of **16 December 1982**, **38/189** of **20 December 1983**, **39/153** of **17 December 1984**, **40/157** of **16 December 1985**, **41/89** of **4 December 1986**, **42/90** of **7 December 1987** and **43/84** of **7 December 1988**,

Recognizing the importance of promoting **peace**, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean **region** and strengthening further the economic, commercial and cultural links in the region,

Reaffirming the primary role of the Mediterranean countries in the promotion of security and co-operation *in the Mediterranean region*,

Expressing concern at the persistent tension in parts of the Mediterranean **region** and the **consequent threat to peace**,

Welcoming the favourable developments in the international situation and expressing hope that these **developments** will have a positive impact on the Mediterranean **region**,

Concerned at the continuing military operations and reports of recent activities in the Mediterranean and the danger that they create for peace, security and general equilibrium in the *region*,

Reaffirming the **responsibility** of all States to conform in their actions to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the **United Nations**, as well

as to the provisions of **the** Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning **Friendly** Relations and Co-operation **among** States in **accordance** with the Charter of the United Nations, **1/**

Reaffirming further the need to intensify and promote peace and security and to **strengthen** co-operation in **the** region, as provided for in the Mediterranean chapter of the Final **Act** of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, signed at Helsinki on 1 **August** 1975,

Recalling the declarations of successive meetings of **non-aligned** countries concerning the Mediterranean, as well as official declarations on, and contributions to, peace and security in the Mediterranean region made by **individual** countries,

Welcoming the effort⁸ realised by the Mediterranean members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to strengthen regional co-operation in various fields among **themselves** and between them and the European countries,

Recognizing the desire of Mediterranean countries that the needs of their region be taken into account in ongoing and future negotiations relating to international security and disarmament,

Recognizing further the desire of the non-aligned Mediterranean countries to intensify the process of dialogue and **consultations** with European-Mediterranean and other European countries aimed at **strengthening** efforts towards the promotion of **peace**, security and co-operation in the region, and thus contributing to the stabilisation of the situation in the Mediterranean,

Taking note of the results of the Stockholm Conference on **Confidence-** and Security-Building Measures and the concluding document of the Vienna meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, **where** all the participating States reaffirmed their resolve fully to implement unilaterally, bilaterally and multilaterally all the provisions of the Final **Act** and of the other documents of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in **Europe**,

Taking note further of the debate on this item during its various sessions and, in particular, of the report of the Secretary-General on this item, **2/**

1 , **Reaffirms:**

(a) That the **security** of the Mediterranean is closely linked with European security and with international peace and security:

1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), **annex**.

2/ A/44/676.

(b) That further **effort8** are **necessary** for the reduction of tension and of **armament8** and for the **creation** of condition8 of **security** and fruitful co-operation in all **fields** for all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean, **on** the basis of the principle8 of sovereignty, independence, **territorial** integrity, security, non-intervention and non-interference, non-violation of international borders, non-use of force or threat of use of force, **the** inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, peaceful settlement of **disputes** and **respect** for permanent **sovereignty** over **natural resources**;

(c) The need for just and viable **solutions** of **existing** problem8 and **crises** in the area **on** the **basis** of the provisions of the Charter and of relevant resolution8 of **the** United **Nations**, the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of people8 under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination **and** **independence**)

2. **Takes note** of the final document8 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, 3/** and in particular paragraph 25 of the document on "**International security and disarmament**", which, **inter alia**, supported the transformation of the Mediterranean region into a region of peace, security and co-operation, free from conflict and confrontation;

3. **Expresses satisfaction** that important negotiation8 **on confidence-** and security-building **measures** are currently taking place at Vienna aimed at building upon and expanding the militarily **significant** and politically binding achievement8 of the Stockholm Conference, which, in relation to the **Mediterranean, inter alia**, confirmed the **intention** of the participant8 in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in **Europe** to develop good-neighbourly relations with all State8 of the region, with **due** regard to reciprocity, and in the spirit of **the** principles contained in the Declaration on Principle8 Guiding Relations between Participating **States, 80 as** to **promote** confidence and security and make peace prevail in the region, in accordance with the provisions contained in **the** Mediterranean chapter of the Final Act of **the** Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe;

4. **Welcome8** the agreement reached by the Vienna meeting of the Conference on **Security** and Co-operation in Europe to **convene** a meeting on the Mediterranean at **Palms** de Mallorca in 1990, in order to consider way8 and means of further enhancing various aspects of co-operation, including the protection and improvement of Mediterranean **ecosystems**, with the **aim** of widening the scope of their co-operation with the non-participating Mediterranean States and contributing to the strengthening of confidence and security in the **region**;

5. **Urges** all State8 to co-operate with the Mediterranean State8 in the further efforts required to reduce tension and promote peace, security and

3/ See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

co-operation in the region in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States;

6. Encourages once again efforts to intensify existing forms **and to** promote new forms of co-operation in various fields, **particularly those** aimed at reducing tension and strengthening confidence and security in the **region;**

7. Reaffirms also the importance of intensifying and constantly promoting contacts in all fields where common interests exist in order to eliminate gradually, through co-operation, the causes preventing the faster social and economic development of the Mediterranean States, particularly the developing States of the region:

8. Welcomes any further communication to the Secretary-General **from all** States of proposals, declarations and recommendations on strengthening peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region:

9. Welcomes the creation of the Arab Maghreb Union at Marrakesh, Morocco, on 17 February 1989 and greets this event as a factor of peace, stability, security and development in the region:

10. Invites the States **members** of the relevant regional **organizations** to lend support and **to submit to** the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions on their potential contribution to the strengthening of peace and co-operation in the Mediterranean region:

11. Renews its invitation to the Secretary-General to give due attention to the question of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region and, if requested to do so, to render advice and assistance to concerted efforts by Mediterranean countries in promoting peace, security and co-operation in the region:

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, on the basis of all replies received and notifications submitted in the implementation of the present resolution and taking into account the debate on this question during its forty-fourth session, a detailed report on the strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region".