



General Assembly

UN LIBRARY

SEP 10 1990

UNISA COLLECTION

Distr.
GENERAL

A/45/388

20 August 1990
ENGLISH

ORIGINAL: ARABIC

Forty-fifth session
Item 51 of the provisional agenda*

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Report of the Secretary-General

CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
I. INTRODUCTION	2
II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS	3
Iraq	3
Oman	5
Syrian Arab Republic	6

* A/45/150 and Corr.1.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 15 December 1989, the **General Assembly** adopted resolution **44/108** entitled "**Establishment** of a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the region of the Middle East", the operative part of which reads **as** followar

"The General Assembly,

"...

"1. Urges all parties directly concerned to consider seriously taking the practical and **urgent** steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the region of the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and, as a means of promoting this objective, **invites** the countries concerned to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

"2. Calls upon all countries of the region that have **not** done so, pending the establishment of **the zone**, to agree to place all their nuclear activities under International Atomic **Energy Agency** safeguardat

"3. Takes note of the **request** made by the General **Conference** of the International Atomic Energy **Agency** to its Director General **in** resolution **GC(XXXIII)/RES/506** 'to consult with the States concerned in the Middle East area with a view to applying Agency safeguards to all nuclear installations in the area, keeping in mind **the** relevant recommendations contained in paragraph 75 of the report attached to document **GC(XXXIII)/887** and the situation **in** the area of **the** Middle East, and to report on the matter to the Board of Governors and to **the** General Conference at its thirty-fourth regular session' ;

"4. Invites all countries of the region, pending the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East, to declare their support for establishing such a **zone**, consistent with paragraph 63 (d) of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the **General** Assembly, and to deposit those declarations with the Security Council;

"5. Also invites those countries, pending the establishment of the **zone**, **not** to develop, produce, test **or** otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or permit the stationing on their territories, or territories under their control, of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive **devices**;

"6. Invites the nuclear-weapon States and all other States to render their assistance in the establishment of the none and at the same time to refrain from **any** action that runs counter to both the letter and the spirit of the present **resolution**;

"7. Extends its thanks to the Secretary-General for his report containing the views of parties concerned regarding the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the **region** of the Middle East;

/...

"8. **Takes note** of the above-mentioned **report**;

"9. **Requests** parties of the region to **submit** to the Secretary-General their views and suggestions with **respect to** the **measures** called **for** in paragraph 8 of resolution **43/65**;

"10. **Requests** the Secretary-General to **submit to** the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a progress **report** on the implementation **of** the present **resolution**;

"11. **Decides** to include in the **provisional** agenda of its forty-fifth session the **item** entitled 'Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the region of the Middle **East**'."

2. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Secretary-General, in a note **verbale** dated 16 February 1990, requested parties of the region to submit their views and suggestions **with** respect to measures called for **in** paragraph 8 of resolution **43/65**. To date, the Secretary-General has received replies **from** Iraq, Oman and the Syrian Arab Republic, which are **reproduced** in section II **of** the present report. Any further replies will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 10 of the resolution, the Secretary-General submits the present report on the implementation of **the** resolution.

II. REPLIES RECEIVED **FROM** GOVERNMENTS

IRAQ

[Original: **Arabic**]

[30 January 1990]

1. The establishment of nuclear-weapon-free **zones** helps to **promote efforts** towards nuclear disarmament, besides enhancing the security **of the countries** concerned and bringing us closer to attaining the predominant objective of achieving and maintaining international peace and **security**.

2. In accordance with its belief in this principle, Iraq has endorsed and participated in efforts to establish nuclear-weapon-free aonea in various geographical **regions**, including our region of the Middle East, where points **of** tension give **rise** to dangers whose consequences **are** difficult to predict.

3. The establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the Middle East is neither a far-fetched suggestion nor a complicated puaale. United Nations resolutions on this subject have affirmed that account **must** be taken of the circumstances and characteristics **of** the regions concerned when establishing such aonea.

/...

4. In **this respect**, the circumstances and characteristics of the Middle East region are as followar

(a) The fundamental reason for **the** tension in the region **is** Israel's policy of **aggression against the** region's States. Israel is also the only party which continues openly **to** pursue a policy **of** attacking and destroying nuclear installations designed for peaceful purposes when it alone judges that they pose a supposed **danger to its** security. The **year** 1989 **saw** a substantial escalation of further **statements from** Israeli officials in **a** campaign directed against the Iraqi nuclear **programme**, unequivocally demonstrating Israel's continued determination to attack Iraqi **nuclear** installations, Iraq warned the international community **of the dangers inherent in the continuation of this** aggressive policy in a statement delivered **by the official spokesman of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs on** 5 April 1989, which was published in International Atomic **Energy** Agency document **INFCIRC/362 of** 14 April 1989.

(b) Israel is the only **party** in the region which **possesses** nuclear weapons and continues to develop such weapons and their delivery **systems**.

(c) Israel **is the** only party in the region which has not acceded **to the** Treaty on the Non-Proliferation **of** Nuclear Weapons (if we exclude certain countries which have no nuclear facilities at all). It is also the only **party** which **refuses** to place **its** nuclear facilities under the entire safeguards **régime** of the International Atomic Energy Agency, despite the unanimous adoption by the Security Council **of** its resolution 487 (1981), which calls **upon** Israel to place its nuclear facilities under that **régime**.

(d) Israel not only possesses military nuclear capabilities and delivery **systems** but is also helping other countries to **acquire** such capabilities and delivery **systems**. It is involved in active co-operation with the racist South African regime in this regard, **as** noted in recent international reports, and particularly **in** those **originating** in the United States. These provide clear and certain evidence **of** Israel's dangerous endeavours to assist in the proliferation of nuclear weapons to other **regions of** the world and to increase **tension** and instability.

(e) Israel **is** the only party in the region to **be** linked by a strategic **alliance** to a nuclear Power.

5. **Given** these circumstances and characteristics, we believe that any effort to establish a nuclear-weapon-free **zone in** the Middle East **must** be preceded by basic steps on the part of Israel, including the initiation **of** its nuclear disarmament, its accession to the Treaty **on** the Non-Proliferation **of** Nuclear Weapons and the **placing of its** nuclear facilities under the entire safeguards **régime** of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

6. The steps referred to in paragraph 5 constitute an essential preliminary process which could help to reduce tension in the **region** and permit consideration of the following further steps:

(a) The parties **concerned** in the region should declare their support **for** establishing the nuclear-weapon-free **zone**, immediately desist from any **measures** which are incompatible with the objective underlying the **zone's** establishment and deposit their declarations with the Security Council.

(b) The nations of the region should **refrain** from concluding **any** treaties or agreements with any **other** party which would allow **them** to use existing or stockpiled nuclear weapons, or weapons obtained **from** a source outside the region, or to threaten to **use** such **weapons**.

(c) The nations of the **region** should **declare** their commitment not to attack such nuclear facilities - designed for peaceful **purposes** and subject to international control - as **may** exist in countries **of** the region, regardless **of whether** the attack **is carried out** with **nuclear or** conventional weapons **or** by means of deliberate sabotage operations.

(d) Nuclear Powers outside the **region** should deposit **declarations** with the Security Council to the effect that they will not **take** any measures inconsistent with the establishment of the **zone** and provide the **Secretary-General** of the United Nations with **a** list **of** the nuclear materials and devices which they have exported to States parties in the Middle East region.

OMAN

[Original: Arabic]

[23 April 1990]

1. Oman **expresses** its gratitude to the Secretary-General **for** his progress report containing the views of various concerned parties in **the** region with regard to the establishment **of a nuclear-weapon-free** zone in the region **of the Middle East**, as well **as** for the information to **the** effect **that he has appointed** a number **of** consultant **experts** to assist him in undertaking a study on effective **and** verifiable **measures** that would facilitate **the** establishment **of a nuclear-weapon-free zone** in the Middle East, taking into account the circumstances and characteristics **of** the region, as well as the views and suggestions of parties in the region. It also looks forward **to** the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution and, in particular, to the views and recommendations of the consultant experts appointed by him.

2. In this **regard**, the Government of Oman wishes to draw the Secretary-General's **attention** to its reply in connection with General **Assembly** resolution **42/28** of 30 November 1987 on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free **zone** in the region of the Middle East, as included in the **report** of **the** Secretary-General (document **A/43/484**) dated 27 July 1988.

3. In **accordance** with that reply, **Oman** believes that the unanimous adoption by the General Assembly of resolution **43/65** of 7 December 1986 **reflects** the

/...

determination of the international community to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East region and that, in order for this unanimous **vote to** constitute a genuine and true expression of the views of the international community, all States - and particularly the States concerned - must proceed to take the following steps:

All parties directly concerned should take the practical and **Urgent steps** required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly. The countries concerned, meaning those engaged in nuclear programmes and activities, should, as a means of promoting this objective, adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

- Those countries of the region - and particularly those engaged in nuclear programmes and activities - which have not yet done so should, pending the establishment of the zone, declare their readiness to place all their nuclear activities and facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards.

The countries of the region - and particularly those engaged in nuclear programmes and activities - should declare their unequivocal support for establishing such a zone, consistent with paragraph 63 (d) of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, and deposit those declarations with the Security Council.

The countries of the region - and particularly those engaged in nuclear programmes and activities - should not develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or import or permit the stationing on their territories, or territories under their control, of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices.

- The nuclear-weapon States and all other States should render their assistance in the establishment of the **zone** and at the same time refrain from any action that runs counter to both the letter and the spirit of General **Assembly** resolution **43/65**, which was adopted unanimously.

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

[Original: Arabic]

[5 June 1990]

The Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to inform him, with reference to the Secretary-General's note No. **90-NWFZME** of 16 February 1990, that the position of the Syrian Government with respect to the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East remains as expressed in document **A/44/430/Add.1**, dated 12 October 1989.

/...

The Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the assurances of his highest consideration.
