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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH
SPECIAL SESSION: PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR**

Bangladesh, India, Mexico, Pakistan and
Sweden: revised draft resolution

Climatic effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, its first special session devoted to disarmament, after referring specifically to "the threat to the very survival of mankind" posed by the existence of nuclear weapons, it declared, in paragraph 18, that removing the threat of a world war - a nuclear war - is the most acute and urgent task of the present day,

Noting that the conclusions of some of the studies compiled by the Secretary-General, in conformity with resolution 39/148 F of 17 December 1984, confirm that nuclear winter and other climatic effects of nuclear war pose an unprecedented peril to all nations, even those far removed from the nuclear explosions, which would add immeasurably to the previously known dangers of nuclear war, without excluding the possibility of all the Earth being transformed into a darkened, frozen planet, where conditions would be conducive to mass extinction,

Recalling that by its resolution 40/152 G of 16 December 1985, the General Assembly recognized the necessity of systematic research on the subject, and requested the Secretary-General to carry out a study on the climatic and potential physical effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter, and to transmit such study to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-second session,

1. Reiterates to the Secretary-General **its** appreciation for the compilation of excerpt.8 on the climatic effects of **nuclear war, including nuclear winter**, which he has prepared in **accordance** with the request made in its resolution 39/148 F;

2. Regrets the fact that, due to the current financial **crisis of the United Nations**, the Secretary-General had to defer to 1987 the meeting of the Group of Consultant Experts to Carry Out a Study on the Climatic and Potential **Physical Effects** of Nuclear War, **including Nuclear Winter, requested by resolution 40/152 G,**

3. Once again requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a **group of consultant experts chosen by him**, bearing in mind **the advisability** of wide geographical representation and of their qualifications in a **broad range** of scientific fields, to carry **out a study on the** climatic and potential physical effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter, which will **examine, inter alia,** **its socio-economic consequences.** **This study** would take into account the **Secretary-General's** compilation and the source documents from which it **was** prepared, together with any other scientific studies which may **be** relevant,

4. Also requests the **Secretary-General** to **transmit such study** to the General Assembly **in due** time for consideration at **its** forty-third session, in 1988;

5. Decides to include in the provisional **agenda** of its forty-third session the item entitled: **"Climatic effects of nuclear war, including nuclear winter : report of the Secretary General"**.
