

of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics stated the following:

"Today we are proposing a radical step: that agreement be reached on a simultaneous halt in the production of nuclear weapons by all States. This would apply to all such weapons—whether atomic, hydrogen or neutron bombs or missiles. At the same time, the nuclear Powers could undertake to start the gradual reduction of existing stockpiles of such weapons and move towards their complete, total destruction.";

3. *Stresses* the necessity and urgency that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America strive to implement as soon as possible the foregoing declarations of their respective heads of State and invites the Governments of both countries to adopt without delay all relevant measures to achieve that objective;

4. *Reiterates with special emphasis* its invitation to both Governments to keep the General Assembly informed in good time of the results of their negotiations and trusts to be able to receive from them appropriate information in this regard during the special session of the Assembly devoted to disarmament, to be held in May and June 1978.

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32/88. Special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament³⁷

A

The General Assembly,

Gravely concerned that vast human and material resources are spent on armaments,

Reaffirming the need to allocate greater resources to economic and social progress, particularly having in mind the needs of the developing countries,

Firmly believing that a curtailment of expenditures on armaments in keeping with the objectives of the Disarmament Decade would facilitate the availability of greater resources for economic and social development, particularly to the developing countries,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the aforementioned matters and the specific studies carried out at its request,

Noting the declaration made by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, on this matter,³⁸

Noting also the proposal for a United Nations study presented to the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament,³⁹

Sharing the view that decisions on concrete action would be facilitated through an in-depth analysis on the relationship between disarmament efforts and measures to achieve economic and social progress,

³⁷ See also sect. X.B.1, decision 32/403, and sect. X.B.2, decisions 32/423 A and B.

³⁸ See A/31/197.

³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Special Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/S-10/1)*, vol. V, document A/AC.187/80.

1. *Endorses* the recommendation by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament that the General Assembly should initiate a study on the relationship between disarmament and development, the terms of reference of the study to be determined by the Assembly itself at its special session;⁴⁰

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, at the earliest possible date, an *ad hoc* group of governmental experts with the task of elaborating a possible framework and terms of reference for the above-mentioned study;⁴¹

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the *Ad Hoc* Group on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development all the relevant materials, including proposals made by Member States, as well as previous and current United Nations studies on the subject;

4. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Group to report on its work not later than 1 April 1978;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the *Ad Hoc* Group to Member States not later than a month before the opening, on 23 May 1978, of the special session.

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B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/189 B of 21 December 1976, in which it decided to convene a special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament,

Having considered the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament,⁴²

1. *Endorses* the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament and the recommendation contained therein for the special session to be held between 23 May and 28 June 1978 in the General Assembly Hall;⁴³

2. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to continue its work in order to prepare a draft final document or documents for consideration and adoption by the General Assembly at its special session and to submit to the Assembly its final report;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the Preparatory Committee for their constructive contribution to its work;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to Member States the records of the thirty-second session of the General Assembly relating to the special session;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to render the Preparatory Committee all necessary assistance as may be required for the completion of its work.

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⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/32/41 and Corr.1), para. 32.

⁴¹ For the composition of the *Ad Hoc* Group on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, see A/S-10/9, annex.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/32/41 and Corr.1)*.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, para. 19.