

the effectiveness of the Council as the organ bearing primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security;

3. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under colonial and alien domination to achieve self-determination and independence and urges Member States to increase their support for and solidarity with them and their national liberation movements and to take urgent and effective measures for the speedy completion of the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples⁸⁵ and of the other resolutions of the United Nations on the final elimination of colonialism, racism and *apartheid*;

4. *Also calls* for the deepening and extension of the process of relaxation of international tensions, which is still limited in both scope and geographical extent, to all regions of the world in order to help bring about just and lasting solutions to international problems with the participation of all States so that peace and security will be based on effective respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all States and the inalienable right of all peoples to determine their own destiny freely and without outside interference, coercion or pressure;

5. *Reaffirms* its opposition to any threat or use of force, intervention, aggression, foreign occupation or measure of political and economic coercion which attempts to violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and security of States or their right freely to dispose of their natural resources;

6. *Commends* the holding of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, devoted to disarmament, with the active participation of all Member States, particularly its decisions aimed at strengthening the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, including those relating to effective machinery for deliberation on, and negotiation of, disarmament measures, and, in this connexion, invites all Member States to take effective measures for halting the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, and for disarmament, in accordance with the priorities agreed to during the tenth special session;⁸⁶

7. *Considers* that the implementation of the new international economic order, assuring, through the settlement of urgent international economic problems, a speedy development of the developing countries, narrowing and overcoming the existing gap between the developed and the developing countries and the democratization of the process of decision-making, constitutes an inseparable part of the efforts for the strengthening of international peace and security;

8. *Recalls* its ninth special session, on the question of Namibia, supports the efforts for achieving the independence of Namibia and invites all Member States to contribute towards the successful implementation of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Security Council and to facilitate, within this framework, the fulfilment of the mandate given to the Secretary-General with respect to this question by the Council;

9. *Expresses its concern* over the worsening of the critical situation in Zimbabwe and urges Member States to increase their support to the people of Zimbabwe

in its legitimate struggle against the minority racist régime for its continuous attempts to impede the attainment of independence by Zimbabwe and for its acts of aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighbouring countries;

10. *Commends* the decision of the Belgrade meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe on the continuation of efforts aimed at implementing fully all the provisions of the Final Act of Helsinki,⁸⁷ particularly the agreement on the implementation of the Declaration on the Mediterranean, supports, bearing in mind the close relationship between security in Europe and security in the Mediterranean, the Middle East and other regions of the world, the proposal of the non-aligned countries for the transformation of the Mediterranean into a zone of peace and co-operation with a view to promoting good neighbourly relations, the settlement of all disputes between States by peaceful means, and concrete measures of co-operation among States of the region, in accordance with their mutual interest to concert their views and to seize opportunities to contribute to the strengthening of international peace and security, and, in this context, takes note of the meeting of experts being held in accordance with the decision referred to above;

11. *Reaffirms once again* the provisions of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace⁸⁸ and calls upon the great Powers to co-operate in its implementation;

12. *Considers* that the dismantling of foreign military bases would contribute to the strengthening of international security;

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General⁸⁹ and, having in mind the forthcoming tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, requests him to prepare a report on the implementation of the Declaration and on the views communicated by the Governments of Member States concerning measures to be taken in order to implement those provisions of the Declaration which have not yet been put into effect, with a view to considering this problem at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

*85th plenary meeting
15 December 1978*

33/76. Situation in Nicaragua

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its obligations with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind the statement of the President of the Republic of Costa Rica at the current session of the General Assembly on the violation of his country's sovereignty by military aircraft of Nicaragua,⁹⁰

⁸⁷ Signed on 1 August 1975.

⁸⁸ Resolution 2832 (XXVI).

⁸⁹ A/33/217 and Add.1 and 2.

⁹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Plenary Meetings, 11th meeting, paras. 75-126.*

⁸⁵ Resolution 1514 (XV).

⁸⁶ See resolution S-10/2.

Noting also the message sent to the President of the General Assembly concerning this matter by the President of the Republic of Colombia and the President of the Republic of Venezuela on 27 September 1978,⁹¹

Considering the extreme gravity of the events that have taken place and are continuing to occur in Nicaragua, which have caused the death of thousands of people, incalculable destruction of property and repeated violations of the most basic rights and which have led some countries of the American continent to attempt to reach a peaceful solution to the internal conflict in Nicaragua by means of a friendly committee of conciliation,

1. *Censures* the repression of the civilian population of Nicaragua and the violation of the sovereignty of Costa Rica by Nicaraguan military aircraft;

2. *Expresses deep concern* over the serious turn taken by the domestic situation in Nicaragua and over its implications for peace and security in the region;

3. *Demands* that the Nicaraguan authorities stop military and other activities that endanger the security of the region, in particular those that threaten the sovereignty and territorial inviolability of neighbouring countries;

4. *Urges* the Nicaraguan authorities to ensure respect for the human rights of the citizens of Nicaragua, in accordance with their international commitments and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* all States to adopt the necessary measures, in accordance with their constitutional procedures, to discourage the recruitment and participation of their nationals as mercenaries in the conflict occurring in Nicaragua;

6. *Urges* the continuation of international efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the internal conflict in Nicaragua;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the appropriate channels, carefully to follow developments in the situation in Nicaragua and provide the assistance needed to achieve the purposes of the present resolution.

85th plenary meeting
15 December 1978

33/91. General and complete disarmament⁹²

A

REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

The General Assembly,

Having resolved to lay the foundations of an international disarmament strategy which aims at general and complete disarmament under effective international control, through co-ordinated and persevering efforts in which the United Nations should play a more effective role,

Recalling the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, in which it decided to establish the Disarmament Commission,⁹³

Emphasizing the importance of an effective follow-up of the relevant recommendations and decisions adopted at its tenth special session,

Having considered the report of the Disarmament Commission,⁹⁴

1. *Endorses* the report of the Disarmament Commission and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set down in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session, as well as the recommendations contained in its report and the decisions that the General Assembly has taken at its current session and which have a bearing on the Commission's programme of work in 1979;

3. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report on the work of the Commission, including any recommendations and observations it may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the Final Document, together with all the official records of the tenth special session, so that the views and proposals presented by States during the session will be available for the implementation of the Commission's programme of work;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render to the Disarmament Commission all the necessary assistance that it may require for implementing the present resolution;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to communicate to him, by 31 March 1979, their views and suggestions on the comprehensive programme of disarmament, for transmission to the Disarmament Commission;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission".

86th plenary meeting
16 December 1978

B

CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

The General Assembly,

Concerned at the fact that the arms race is accelerating and that the world figure for expenditures on armaments continues to increase,

Convinced that it is possible to develop effective international methods and procedures to promote general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Desiring to eliminate the sources of tension by peaceful means and thereby to contribute to the strengthening of peace and security in the world,

Stressing the importance of the statement in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly that it is necessary, in order to facilitate the process of disarmament, to take measures and to pursue policies to strengthen international peace

⁹¹ A/33/275, annex.

⁹² See also sect. X.B.2, decision 33/422.

⁹³ Resolution S-10/2, para. 118.

⁹⁴ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/33/42).