

Recalling that in its resolution 3075 (XXVIII) the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to pursue the study of the consequences of the arms race, paying special attention to its effects on the economic and social development of nations, as well as on world peace and security, in order to enable him to submit, upon request by the Assembly, an up-to-date report on that matter, on the basis of the information released by Governments,

1. *Calls again upon* all States, as well as the organs concerned with disarmament issues, to place at the centre of their preoccupations the adoption of effective measures for the cessation of the arms race, especially in the nuclear field, and for the reduction of military budgets, particularly of the heavily armed countries, and to make sustained efforts with a view to achieving progress towards general and complete disarmament;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring up to date, with the assistance of qualified consultant experts appointed by him, the report entitled *Economic and Social Consequences of the Arms Race and of Military Expenditures*, covering the basic topics of that report and taking into account any new developments which he would consider necessary, and to transmit it to the General Assembly in time to permit its consideration at the thirty-second session;

3. *Invites* all Governments to extend to the Secretary-General their support and full co-operation to ensure that the study will be carried out in the most effective way;

4. *Calls upon* non-governmental organizations and international institutions and organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security".

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3463 (XXX). Implementation of General Assembly resolution 3254 (XXIX)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3254 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

Noting with appreciation that the 1974 report of the Group of Consultant Experts on the Reduction of Military Budgets has been issued as a United Nations publication¹⁸ and given wide distribution by the Secretary-General,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹⁹ containing the views and suggestions of States regarding the matters covered in the report mentioned above,

Considering that the report of the Group of Consultant Experts on the Reduction of Military Budgets, as well as the views and suggestions reflected in the report of the Secretary-General, indicates the need for further study of many of the complex questions identified therein,

Reaffirming its conviction of the urgent necessity that the States permanent members of the Security Council, as well as any other State with comparable military expenditures, carry out reductions in their military budgets,

Reaffirming also its conviction that part of the resources thus released should be utilized for social and economic development, particularly that of the developing countries,

Noting with concern that year after year world military expenditure continues to rise,

Convinced that international security could be maintained with far lower general levels of world military expenditures than at present,

1. *Appeals* to all States, in particular the States permanent members of the Security Council as well as any other State with comparable military expenditures, to strive to reach agreed reductions in their military budgets;

2. *Urges* the two States with the highest levels of military expenditure in absolute terms, pending such agreement, to carry out reductions in their military budgets;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, assisted by a group of qualified experts appointed by him after consultations with Member States, to prepare a report containing an in-depth analysis and examination in concrete terms of the various matters specified in paragraph 5 below, including conclusions and recommendations;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments to extend their full co-operation in providing all such assistance as may be required for the efficient preparation of this report;

5. *Decides* that the report shall give emphasis particularly to the following matters:

(a) The definition and scope of the military sector and of military expenditures, as well as the classification and structuring of expenditures within the military budgets, with the over-all aim of achieving generally acceptable and universally applicable delimitations and definitions and a standardized accounting system, so as to permit effective comparisons of the military budgets;

(b) The valuation of resources in the military sector, considering different economic systems and different structures of production within the military sector, with the purpose of examining methods concerning the relationships between resources and military output;

(c) The deflation for price change in military production in different countries, with the aim of examining methods of measuring real expenditure trends over a period of time, taking into account differences between countries in the rate of price change;

(d) The international value comparison and exchange rates relevant to military production, with the purpose of examining methods for accurate currency comparison of military expenditures;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Reduction of military budgets: report of the Secretary-General under General Assembly resolution 3463 (XXX)".

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¹⁸ A/9770/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.I.10).

¹⁹ A/10165 and Add.1 and 2.