putes and respect for permanent sovereignty over natural resources;

(c) The need for just and viable solutions of existing problems and crises in the area on the basis of the provisions of the Charter and of relevant resolutions of the United Nations, the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence;

2. Welcomes any further communication to the Secretary-General, from all States, of proposals, declarations and recommendations on strengthening peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

3. Urges all States to co-operate with the Mediterranean States in the further efforts required to reduce tension and promote peace, security and co-operation in the region in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter;

4. Encourages once again efforts to intensify existing forms and to promote new forms of co-operation in various fields, particularly those aimed at reducing tension and strengthening confidence and security in the region;

5. *Renews its invitation* to the Secretary-General to give due attention to the question of peace, security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region and, if requested to do so, to render advice and assistance to concerted efforts by Mediterranean countries in promoting peace, security and co-operation in the region;

6. Invites the member States of the relevant regional organizations to lend support and to submit to the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions on their potential contribution to the strengthening of peace and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region".

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## 39/154. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 38/73 H of 15 December 1983,

*Profoundly concerned* over the situation of the international community today in circumstances of tensions and conflicts long continuing between nations, denoting a marked decline in the respect for the Charter of the United Nations and the basic elements of international law,

Gravely concerned over the increasing manifestations of various forms of international terrorism,

*Considering* that the main organ of the United Nations which under the Charter has the essential characteristic of rendering effective its decisions is the Security Council,

Bearing in mind that the notes by the President of the Security Council dated 12 September 1983<sup>132</sup> and 28 September 1984,<sup>133</sup> although referring to the subject of collective security, indicate no concrete steps taken or to be taken to implement the relevant provisions of the Charter, Taking due account of the need that, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, specific endeavours should be devoted by the international community to enhance the effectiveness of the United Nations required by the Charter,

1. *Recommends* that the Security Council give priority consideration to the need for strengthening the system of collective security provided for in the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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## **39/155.** Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security",

Noting with concern that the provisions of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security<sup>134</sup> have not been fully implemented,

Noting further with concern that the United Nations system of collective security has not been used effectively,

*Recalling* the duty of States not to intervene in the internal or external affairs of any State, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>135</sup>

*Noting* the provisions of the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention and Interference in the Internal Affairs of States,<sup>136</sup>

*Recalling* the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes,<sup>137</sup>

Alarmed by increasing tensions in international relations and the heightened confrontations that characterize the relations between the great Powers, accompanied by the policy of competition for spheres of influence, domination and exploitation in more and more parts of the world, the escalation to new levels of the arms race, particularly in nuclear weapons and the danger of its extension into outer space, all of which pose a grave threat to global peace and security,

Profoundly disturbed by the increasing recourse to the use or threat of use of force, military intervention and interference, aggression and foreign occupation, by the aggravation of existing crises in the world and the outbreak of new ones, by the continued infringement of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries, by the denial of the right to self-determination of peoples under colonial and foreign occupation and by attempts to characterize erroneously the struggles of peoples for independence and human dignity as falling within the context of East-West confrontation, thus denying them the right to self-determination, to decide their own destiny and realize their legitimate aspirations, by the persistence of colonialism, racism and *apartheid* supported by the growing use of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>132</sup> S/15971. For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-eighth Year, Resolutions and Decisions, 1983, part II, "Consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, 1982".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> S/16760. For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-ninth Year, Resolutions and Decisions, 1984, part II, "Consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> Resolution 2734 (XXV)

<sup>135</sup> Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>136</sup> Resolution 36/103, annex

<sup>137</sup> Resolution 37/10, annex