

urges the Committee to continue its work with vigour and determination;

4. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee, taking into account the political and security climate in the region, to complete preparatory work relating to the Conference on the Indian Ocean during 1986 in order to enable the opening of the Conference at Colombo at an early date soon thereafter, but not later than 1988, to be decided by the Committee in consultation with the host country;

5. *Emphasizes* that the Conference called for in its resolution 34/80 B and subsequent resolutions and the establishment and maintenance of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace require the full and active participation and co-operation of all the permanent members of the Security Council, the major maritime users and the littoral and hinterland States;

6. *Decides* that preparatory work would comprise organizational matters and substantive issues, including the provisional agenda for the Conference, rules of procedure, participation, stages of the Conference, level of representation, documentation, consideration of appropriate arrangements for any international agreements that may ultimately be reached for the maintenance of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace and the preparation of the draft final document of the Conference;

7. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee at the same time to seek the necessary harmonization of views on remaining relevant issues;

8. *Requests* the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to consult the Secretary-General, at the appropriate time, on the establishment of a secretariat for the Conference;

9. *Renews* the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Committee as defined in the relevant resolutions, and requests the Committee to intensify its work with regard to the implementation of its mandate;

10. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to hold three preparatory sessions in 1986 of a duration of two weeks each, for completion of the preparatory work;

11. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to submit to the Conference a report on its preparatory work;

12. *Requests* the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to continue his consultations on the participation in the work of the Committee by States Members of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee, with the aim of resolving this matter at the earliest possible date;

13. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session a full report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the *Ad Hoc* Committee, including the provision of summary records, in recognition of its preparatory function.

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#### 40/154. World Disarmament Conference

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2833 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, 2930 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, 3183 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3260 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3469 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/190 of 21 December 1976, 32/89 of 12 December 1977, 33/69 of 14 December 1978, 34/81 of 11 December 1979, 35/151 of 12 December 1980, 36/91 of 9 December 1981,

37/97 of 13 December 1982, 38/186 of 20 December 1983 and 39/150 of 17 December 1984,

*Reiterating its conviction* that all the peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations and that all States should be in a position to contribute to the adoption of measures for the achievement of this goal,

*Stressing anew its conviction* that a world disarmament conference, adequately prepared and convened at an appropriate time, could provide the realization of such an aim and that the co-operation of all nuclear-weapon Powers would considerably facilitate its attainment,

*Taking note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the World Disarmament Conference,<sup>108</sup>

*Recalling* that, in paragraph 122 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>10</sup> it decided that, at the earliest appropriate time, a world disarmament conference should be convened with universal participation and with adequate preparation,

*Recalling also* that, in paragraph 23 of the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/46 of 3 December 1980, the General Assembly considered it pertinent also to recall that in paragraph 122 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session it had stated that at the earliest appropriate time a world disarmament conference should be convened with universal participation and with adequate preparation,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in paragraph 14 of its report to the General Assembly,<sup>108</sup> the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the World Disarmament Conference stated the following:

“Having regard for the important requirements of a world disarmament conference to be convened at the earliest appropriate time, with universal participation and with adequate preparation, the General Assembly should take up the question at its fortieth session for further consideration, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of resolution 36/91, adopted by consensus, in particular paragraph 1 of that resolution, and resolution 39/150, also adopted by consensus”;

2. *Renews* the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

3. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to continue to maintain close contact with the representatives of the nuclear-weapon States in order to remain currently informed of their positions, as well as with all other States, and to consider any relevant comments and observations which might be made to the Committee, especially bearing in mind paragraph 122 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled “World Disarmament Conference”.

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#### 40/155. Relationship between disarmament and development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 38/71 B of 15 December 1983 and 39/160 of 17 December 1984,

*Recalling*, in particular, its decision to convene an International Conference on the Relationship between Disarm-

<sup>108</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 28 (A/40/28).

ament and Development, which should be preceded by thorough preparation and should take decisions by consensus, and to set up a Preparatory Committee for the Conference, which should formulate and submit, by consensus, to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, recommendations as to the provisional agenda, procedure, place, date and duration of the Conference,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development<sup>109</sup> and approves the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Recommends* for adoption by the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development the following provisional agenda drawn up by the Preparatory Committee:

1. Opening of the Conference
  2. Election of the President
  3. Adoption of the rules of procedure
  4. Election of the other officers
  5. Credentials of the representatives to the Conference:
    - (a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee;
    - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee
  6. Adoption of the agenda
  7. Organization of work
  8. Consideration of the relationship between disarmament and development in all its aspects and dimensions with a view to reaching appropriate conclusions
  9. Consideration of the implications of the level and magnitude of military expenditures, in particular those of nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, for the world economy and the international economic and social situation, particularly for the developing countries, and formulation of appropriate recommendations for remedial measures
  10. Consideration of ways and means of releasing additional resources, through disarmament measures, for development purposes, in particular for the benefit of developing countries
  11. Adoption of the final document of the Conference
  12. Adoption of the report of the Conference to the General Assembly;
3. *Also recommends* for adoption by the Conference the proposals relating to procedure contained in the report of the Preparatory Committee;<sup>110</sup>
4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of France for its invitation to act as host to the Conference, and accordingly decides that the Conference shall be held in Paris from 15 July to 2 August 1986;<sup>111</sup>
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite all States to participate in the Conference and to apply, as regards other participants and observers, the provisions of section XI of the provisional rules of procedure for the Conference, annexed to the report of the Preparatory Committee;
6. *Authorizes* the Preparatory Committee to hold one or, if necessary, two additional sessions, each of two weeks' duration, open to all States and devoted to consid-

eration of the substantive questions included in the agenda for the Conference;

7. *Decides* that the second session of the Preparatory Committee shall be held in New York from 1 to 11 April 1986 and that, if necessary, a third session shall be held in New York in June, taking into account all relevant factors, including the need for minimizing costs and for adequate representation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference to assist in the tasks provided for in paragraph 19 of the report of the Preparatory Committee and to ensure implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 20 (documentation), 21 (convening of a panel of eminent personalities qualified in the field of disarmament and development<sup>112</sup>), 22 (appropriate information to the General Assembly on the preparatory process) and 23 (dissemination of information relating to the Conference and its preparatory work);

10. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system and the International Atomic Energy Agency to contribute fully to the preparatory work in the field of documentation, in conformity with the recommendations contained in paragraph 20 of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

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#### 40/156. Question of Antarctica

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*The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* its resolutions 38/77 of 15 December 1983 and 39/152 of 17 December 1984,

*Having considered* the item entitled "Question of Antarctica",

*Welcoming* the increasing international awareness of and interest in Antarctica,

*Bearing in mind* the Antarctic Treaty<sup>113</sup> and the significance of the system it has developed,

*Taking into account* the debate on this item at its fortieth session,<sup>114</sup>

*Convinced* of the advantages of a better knowledge of Antarctica,

*Affirming the conviction* that, in the interest of all mankind, Antarctica should continue forever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and that it should not become the scene or object of international discord,

*Recalling* the relevant paragraphs of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 1983,<sup>115</sup> and of the Final Political Declaration adopted by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Luanda from 4 to 7 September 1985,<sup>116</sup> as well as the resolution on Antarctica adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its forty-second ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 10 to 17 July 1985,<sup>117</sup>

<sup>109</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 51 (A/40/51).

<sup>110</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. III.E.

<sup>111</sup> See also sect. X.B.1, decision 40/473.

<sup>112</sup> Subsequently referred to as the Panel of Eminent Personalities on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development.

<sup>113</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 402, No. 5778, p. 72.

<sup>114</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, First Committee, 48th to 55th meetings; and ibid., First Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.*

<sup>115</sup> A/38/132-S/15675 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, sect. III, paras. 122 and 123.

<sup>116</sup> A/40/854-S/17610 and Corr.1, annex I, paras. 58-60.

<sup>117</sup> A/40/666, annex II, resolution CM/Res.988 (XLII).