

strengthening of international security, in accordance with the Charter;

9. *Stresses* that there is an urgent need to enhance the effectiveness of the Security Council in discharging its principal role of maintaining international peace and security and, to that end, emphasizes the need to examine mechanisms and working methods on a continued basis in order to enhance the authority and enforcement capacity of the Council, in accordance with the Charter;

10. *Emphasizes* that the Security Council should consider holding periodic meetings in specific cases to consider and review outstanding problems and crises, thus enabling the Council to play a more active role in preventing conflicts;

11. *Reiterates* the need for the Security Council, in particular its permanent members, to ensure the effective implementation of its decisions in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Charter;

12. *Considers* that respect for and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in their civil, political, economic, social and cultural aspects, on the one hand, and the strengthening of international peace and security, on the other, mutually reinforce each other;

13. *Reaffirms* the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under colonial domination, foreign occupation or racist régimes and their inalienable right to 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 Peoples<sup>100</sup> and for the final elimination of colonialism, racism and *apartheid*;

14. *Calls upon* all States, particularly the members of the Security Council, to take appropriate and effective measures to promote the fulfilment of the objective of the denuclearization of Africa in order to avert the serious danger which the nuclear capability of South Africa constitutes to the African States, in particular the front-line States, as well as to international peace and security;

15. *Welcomes* the continuation of the process within the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and expresses the hope that the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, the continent with the greatest concentration of armaments and military forces, will achieve significant and positive results;

16. *Reaffirms* that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity enabling, under the conditions of interdependence, the full development and independence of all States as well as the attainment of genuine security, peace and co-operation in the world, and stresses its firm belief that the United Nations offers the best framework for the promotion of these goals;

17. *Invites* Member States to submit their views on the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the basis of the replies received;

18. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Review of the imple-

mentation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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#### 40/159. Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security

*The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* its resolutions 37/119 of 16 December 1982, 38/191 of 20 December 1983 and 39/158 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* that the primary function of the United Nations, in particular through the Security Council, is the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Stressing* that the purposes of the United Nations can be achieved only under conditions in which States comply fully with their obligations assumed under the Charter,

*Alarmed* over the growing tendency of States to resort to the use of force, intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States, thus ignoring the Charter and 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>99</sup>

*Concerned* that the Security Council has not always been able to take decisive action for the maintenance of international peace and for resolving international problems,

*Recognizing* that fundamental approaches to genuine security include, *inter alia*, the strengthening of the Charter system of collective security,

*Conscious* of the important role with which the Security Council is entrusted in enhancing the collective security provisions of the Charter for the promotion of peace and security in the world in accordance with the Charter,

*Regretting* that the provisions of the Charter relating to collective security measures have not been fully implemented,

*Taking into account*, in this connection, the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh,<sup>124</sup> thirty-eighth,<sup>125</sup> thirty-ninth<sup>126</sup> and fortieth sessions,<sup>127</sup>

*Also taking into account* the statement by the President of the Security Council at the commemorative session of the Council on 26 September 1985,<sup>128</sup>

*Recalling* 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>129</sup>

*Also recalling* the views of the Governments of the five Nordic countries on the strengthening of the United Nations,<sup>130</sup>

*Taking note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security,<sup>131</sup>

*Having considered* the item entitled, "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the

<sup>124</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).

<sup>125</sup> Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/38/1).

<sup>126</sup> Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).

<sup>127</sup> Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/40/1).

<sup>128</sup> See Official Records of the Security Council, Fortieth Year, 2608th meeting; see also Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1985, p. 21.

<sup>129</sup> A/40/854-S/17610 and Corr.1, annex 1.

<sup>130</sup> A/38/271-S/15830, annex. For the printed text, see Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-eighth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1983, document S/15830, annex.

<sup>131</sup> A/40/454.

United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security”.

1. *Regrets* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Implementation of the Collective Security Provisions of the Charter of the United Nations which the General Assembly, by its resolution 38/191, decided to establish for the purpose of exploring ways and means of implementing the said provisions has not been constituted;

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, as a matter of urgency, to appoint fifty-four Member States and on the basis of consultation already conducted to constitute the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the basis of equitable geographical representation and including the permanent members of the Security Council;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General urgently to invite those Member States that have not yet done so to communicate to him not later than 30 April 1986 their views and

comments on the matter and to transmit those views and comments to the *Ad Hoc* Committee as soon as possible;

4. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee, in considering the matter, to take due account of the views and comments of Member States, including their recommendations, and to submit a progress report to the Security Council for its consideration and comments and to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, and a final report to the Assembly at its forty-second session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled “Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security”.

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