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Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section III of General Assembly resolution 37/99 K of 13 December 1982, the Advisory Board has the following functions:

(a) To advise the Secretary-General on various aspects of studies and research in the area of arms limitation and disarmament carried out under the auspices of the United Nations or institutions within the United Nations system, in particular on the integration of a programme of such studies with a comprehensive programme of disarmament, once this had been established;

(b) To serve as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR);

(c) To advise the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign;

(d) At the specific invitation of the Secretary-General, to provide him with advice on other matters within the area of disarmament and arms limitation.

2. By resolution 38/183 O of 20 December 1983, the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to report annually on the work of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies.

3. Following the Board's deliberations in 1988 concerning its own role, and taking into account other suggestions for improvements, the Secretary-General decided in early 1989 to make a number of changes in the functioning of the Board. The

objectives of the changes were to facilitate a broader interpretation of the Board's existing mandate and to permit the Secretary-General to draw on the accumulated experience and wisdom of the Board for advice on matters within the area of disarmament and arms limitation.

4. With effect from 1 January 1989, the title of the Board was modified to "Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters". This change was in line with the Board's views and the suggestions made by many delegations during the fifteenth special session, the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament in 1988 so as to reflect more accurately the functions set out in the Board's mandate, which remains unchanged.

5. The present membership of the revised Board is shown in the annex. The terms of office of the members will run to 31 December 1990.

6. In its new form the Board held its twentieth session from 6 to 11 July in New York, under the chairmanship of Ambassador Ignac Golob of Yugoslavia. The chairmanship of the Board rotates annually.

7. The Board's deliberations on the subject of the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign are reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of activities of the Campaign in 1989 (A/44/647). In its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, the Advisory Board considered and approved the report of the Director of UNIDIR on the Institute's activities in 1988/1989 and the research programme and proposed annual budget for 1990. An account of the Board's deliberations is contained in document A/44/421, annex II, including the Board's recommendation of a subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations amounting to \$220,000 for 1990.

8. Meeting in closed informal session, the Board held a wide-ranging exchange of views on the topic "The changing world - implications for arms limitation and disarmament". The nature of the Board's discussions was subsequently reflected, in response to the Secretary-General's request, in a personal report to him by the Chairman.

9. The Secretary-General believes that the new arrangements have improved the functioning of the Board and strengthened its capacity to provide him with independent advice on disarmament matters.

ANNEX

Members of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

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