

by the Secretary-General in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 2456 A (XXIII);

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a progress report, based on the information supplied by those concerned, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the said resolutions for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to place on the provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly the question of the implementation of the results of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling that by its resolution 2456 C (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 it requested the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and with the co-operation of the latter and of those specialized agencies that he might consider pertinent, a report on the establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control,

Having reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment, within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control,⁴⁴ prepared in compliance with the aforementioned resolution,

Noting that over the past year the International Atomic Energy Agency has been studying, with the active participation of many member States, the role that the Agency may play in this field, and that the report of the Board of Governors of the Agency, reproduced in the Secretary-General's report,⁴⁵ was endorsed without objection by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its thirteenth regular session,⁴⁶

Noting further that the conclusions of the report of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency state, *inter alia*, that the Agency's prospective responsibilities in the field of peaceful nuclear explosions fall within its statutory objectives and functions to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world,

Aware that the prospective responsibilities of the International Atomic Energy Agency in this field will have to be defined on an evolutionary basis, taking into account the still experimental state of the technology,

Recognizing that the International Atomic Energy Agency has certain programmes under way, such as the convening of expert groups, designed to assure a wider appreciation of the status of this technology, and that certain nuclear-weapon States have furnished the Agency with useful information on the status of their experimental programmes in this field,

⁴⁴ A/7678 and Add.1-4.

⁴⁵ A/7678, chapter III.

⁴⁶ See A/7678/Add.2, chapter II, resolution GC(XIII)/RES/258.

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the studies recently made by the Secretary-General and the International Atomic Energy Agency on this subject;

2. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations to communicate any further views they may have on this subject to the International Atomic Energy Agency so that the Agency may take these comments into account in its further studies;

3. *Invites* the nuclear-weapon States to continue to make available to the International Atomic Energy Agency full and current information concerning the technology of applying nuclear explosions to peaceful uses for the benefit of all its members;

4. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to keep the development of this technology under continuing review and in particular to take steps to assure the widest exchange of information concerning developments in this field, including the benefits that may be derived from nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes;

5. *Suggests* that the International Atomic Energy Agency continue to give particular attention over the next year to the convening of further technical meetings to discuss the scientific and technical aspects of this technology and that the Agency initiate studies on the character of the international observation in which it might engage pursuant to article V of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, signed on 1 July 1968;

6. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit to the Secretary-General, not later than 1 October 1970, a special report on the progress of its further studies and activities in this field to be considered by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

7. *Notes* that the nature and contents of the special international agreement or agreements to be concluded pursuant to the provisions of article V of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, will remain open for appropriate consideration and will be the subject of further consultations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Establishment within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency of an international service for nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes under appropriate international control".

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2606 (XXIV). The strengthening of international security

The General Assembly,

Having in mind its responsibilities in the matter of international peace and security under Articles 11 and 12 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security is conferred by the Charter on the Security Council and that Article 28, paragraph 2, of the Charter envisages the possibility of convening periodic meetings of the Council in the exercise of that responsibility,

Believing that international security is dependent upon the development of a world legal order based on justice and the strict observance by all States without exception of the principles of the United Nations,

Having considered the item entitled "The strengthening of international security", included in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly as an important and urgent matter,

Noting that the constructive and extended debate on this item has emphasized the great importance which Member States attach to the strengthening of international security,

Deeply concerned at the continuance of the arms race, which diverts substantial human and material resources from the urgent social and economic needs of the vast majority of mankind and in itself constitutes a continuing threat to peace and security,

Desiring that the twenty-fifth year of the Organization's existence should be marked by new initiatives to promote peace, security, disarmament and economic and social progress for all mankind,

Convinced of the urgent need to make the United Nations more effective as an instrument for maintaining international peace and security,

Recognizing that recommendations regarding the primary purpose of the United Nations must reflect the interests of the international community as a whole,

1. *Believes* that, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, the General Assembly should consider appropriate recommendations on the strengthening of international security;

2. *Invites* Member States to study the proposals and statements made during the consideration of the item entitled "The strengthening of international security";

3. *Requests* Member States to inform the Secretary-General of their views and proposals on this subject not later than 1 May 1970 and also of any measures they take for the purpose of strengthening international security;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fifth session an item entitled "Consideration of measures for the strengthening of international security";

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session concerning the communications he has received pursuant to paragraph 3 above.

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Other decisions

Question of general and complete disarmament

(Item 29)

At its 1836th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1969, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 9 of the report of the First Committee.⁴⁷

Question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction, and the use of their resources in the interests of mankind

(Item 32)

At its 1833rd plenary meeting, on 15 December 1969, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 12 of the report of the First Committee.⁴⁸

⁴⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/7902.*

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 32, document A/7834.