

count the debate on this question during its forty-second session, an updated report on the strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and co-operation in the Mediterranean region"

93rd plenary meeting
7 December 1987

42/91. Implementation of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, contained in resolution 33/73 of 15 December 1978,

Recalling also that, in its resolutions 36/104 of 9 December 1981 and 39/157 of 17 December 1984, it reaffirmed the lasting importance and validity of the purposes and principles enshrined in the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, based on the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking into account its invitation¹²³ to all Governments, the United Nations and the concerned organizations of its system, and other international as well as national organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to incorporate active promotion of the ideas of the preparation of societies for life in peace in their programmes, including those concerning the observances of the International Year of Peace, 1986,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General¹²⁴ on the results of the International Year of Peace and General Assembly resolution 42/13 of 28 October 1987 on the achievements of the International Year of Peace, as well as the high rank that issues pertaining to the preparation of societies for life in peace were accorded in those documents,

Appreciating the need for the preparation of societies for life in peace in order to promote the pattern of peaceful relations among nations,

Aware of the important role that the idea of the preparation of societies for life in peace can play in the process of confidence-building and laying the foundations of durable international security through fostering in the minds of men and societies a perception of the right to life in peace as a fundamental human right,

Recognizing the desirability of providing for the fullest implementation of the principles contained in the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace and for their further development in a manner consistent with and corresponding to the customs and traditions of each country,

Taking into account the growing timeliness of the Declaration as well as the valuable experience gained in the course of the implementation of its principles and objectives,

Considering that the year 1988 will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General,¹²⁵ prepared in accordance with resolution 39/157,

1. *Solemnly reaffirms* the lasting validity of the purposes and principles enshrined in the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, based on the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Reaffirms* the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to establish lasting conditions of world peace, international understanding and mutually beneficial co-operation;

3. *Urges* all States to continue their sustained efforts towards the fullest implementation of the Declaration at the national and the international levels and towards increasing its national and international role by strictly adhering to the principles enshrined in that document;

4. *Recommends* that all Governments and appropriate institutions, while elaborating their policies, in particular their education programmes and school curricula, should keep in mind the principles contained in the Declaration;

5. *Also recommends* that the appropriate bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned, as well as other international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, should be guided by the principles and objectives of the Declaration while preparing their programmes of work;

6. *Calls upon* all Governments and the United Nations and the concerned organizations of its system, as well as other international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to inform the Secretary-General of progress made in regard to the implementation of the Declaration in all its aspects;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

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7 December 1987

42/92. Review of the 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 Security¹²⁶ have not been fully implemented,

Concerned by the continued escalation of tension in the world, accompanied by the policy of competition for spheres of influence, domination and exploitation in many parts of the world, the continuation of the arms race, particularly in nuclear weapons, and the danger of its extension into outer space, by the recourse to the use or threat of use of force, military intervention and interference and foreign occupation, by the continued infringement of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and by the lack of solutions to the world economic crisis, in which the deeper underlying problems of a structural nature have been compounded by cyclical factors and which has further aggravated the inequalities and injustices in international economic relations, all of which pose a grave threat to global peace and security,

Aware of the increasing interdependence among nations and of the fact that in the present-day world, there is no alternative to a policy of peaceful coexistence, détente and co-operation among States on the basis of equality, irre-

¹²³ Resolution 39/157.

¹²⁴ A/42/487 and Corr.2 and Add.1

¹²⁵ A/42/668.

¹²⁶ Resolution 2734 (XXV)

spective of their economic or military power, political and social systems or size and geographic location,

Convinced that a comprehensive and just solution to pressing international problems, such as achieving peace and security, disarmament and development, can be assured only through negotiations, based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in which all countries participate on an equal footing,

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations as an indispensable forum for negotiations and reaching agreements on measures to promote and strengthen international peace and security,

Stressing the need for the main organs of the United Nations responsible for the maintenance of peace and security, particularly the Security Council, to contribute more effectively to the promotion of international peace and security by seeking solutions to unresolved problems and crises in the world,

1. *Reaffirms* the validity of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and calls upon all States to contribute effectively to its implementation;

2. *Urges once again* all States to abide strictly, in their international relations, by their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and, to this end:

(a) To refrain from the use or threat of use of force, intervention, interference, aggression, foreign occupation and colonial domination or measures of political and economic coercion which violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and security of other States, as well as the permanent sovereignty of peoples over their natural resources;

(b) To refrain from supporting or encouraging any such act for any reason whatsoever and to reject and refuse recognition of situations brought about by any such act;

3. *Calls upon* all States, in particular the nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, to take immediate steps aimed at:

(a) Promoting and using effectively the system of collective security as envisaged in the Charter;

(b) Halting effectively the arms race and achieving general and complete disarmament under effective international control and, to this end, to conduct serious, meaningful and effective negotiations with a view to implementing the recommendations and decisions contained in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly¹¹ and to fulfilling the priority tasks listed in the Programme of Action set forth in section III of the Final Document;

4. *Invites* all States, in particular the major military Powers and States members of military alliances, to refrain, especially in critical situations and in crisis areas, from actions, including military activities and manoeuvres, conceived within the context of East-West confrontation and used as a means of pressure or threat to and destabilization of other States and regions;

5. *Expresses its conviction* that the gradual military disengagement of the great Powers and their military alliances from various parts of the world should be promoted;

6. *Urges* all States, in particular the permanent members of the Security Council, to take all necessary measures to prevent the further deterioration of the international situation and, to this end, to seek, through more effective utilization of the means provided for in the Charter, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the elimi-

nation of the focal points of crisis and tension, which constitute a threat to international peace and security;

7. *Emphasizes* the role that the United Nations has in the maintenance of peace and security and in economic and social development and progress for the benefit of all mankind;

8. *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 enhance the authority and enforcement capacity of the Council in accordance with the Charter;

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

10. *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;

11. *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;

12. *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 Peoples¹⁰⁰ and for the final elimination of colonialism, racism and *apartheid*;

13. *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 that 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;

14. *Welcomes* the continuation of the process within the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe;

15. *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;

16. *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-third session on the basis of the replies received;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".