

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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7 December 1988*

## H

### UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE, DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 41/60 J of 3 December 1986 and 42/39 K of 30 November 1987,

*Welcoming* the inauguration of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America on 9 October 1987,

*Recalling also* the Acapulco Commitment to Peace, Development and Democracy signed by the heads of State of States members of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political Action on 29 November 1987,<sup>100</sup> as well as the meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Mechanism held at Cartagena, Colombia, in February 1988,

*Taking into account* that the scope of action of the Centre includes Latin America and the Caribbean,

*Also welcoming* the holding by the Centre of the Workshop-Seminar of Experts on Disarmament from 4 to 6 May 1988,

*Taking note* of the final documents of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Nicosia from 7 to 10 September 1988,<sup>55</sup>

*Expressing its gratitude* to the Member States that have made valuable contributions to the functioning of the Centre,

*Convinced* that in carrying out its activities the Centre will seek to promote relationships based upon mutual confidence and security among countries of the region in a spirit of harmony, solidarity and co-operation aimed at the implementation of measures that foster peace, disarmament and social and economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. *Reaffirms* that the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America, in conformity with its mandate contained in resolution 41/60 J, is called upon to explore new avenues for concerted political action among the countries of the region and to strengthen further the intra-Latin American and Caribbean links in a framework of harmony, solidarity and co-operation that will enable the region to become an effective area of peace;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the holding of the Conference of Experts on the Strengthening of Political Co-operation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the fields of peace, disarmament, development and security, within the framework of the World Disarmament Campaign, at Lima from 6 to 9 December 1988, which will also examine various conceptual and organizational aspects of the Centre to enable it to fulfil its objectives;

3. *Recommends* that the Centre hold two meetings during 1989 with a view to reaffirming its role as a centre for documentary collection, diffusion and dissemination, as a forum for the promotion of peace, disarmament and development measures in the context of the World Disarmament Campaign and as an organ for the co-ordination of studies, research and programmes in the fields of its competence;

4. *Invites once again* Member States and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations to make voluntary contributions to the Centre;

5. *Decides* to rename the Centre "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean";

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit that appeal to all Member States in order to ensure the effective functioning of the Centre;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 43/77. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its fifteenth special session

## A

### SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that, at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament, it unanimously stressed the importance of both qualitative and quantitative measures in the process of disarmament,

*Observing* that at no stage since the first special session devoted to disarmament has the qualitative aspect of the arms race been seriously addressed by the international community,

*Noting with concern* the existing potential in technological advances for application to military purposes, thus escalating the level and sophistication of armaments,

*Recognizing* that such a development will have a negative impact on the security environment while causing a major setback to disarmament efforts,

*Stressing*, in this context, the importance of effectively addressing this problem and ensuring that scientific and technological developments are not exploited for military purposes but harnessed for the common benefit of mankind,

*Emphasizing* that the proposal contained in the present resolution is without prejudice to research and development efforts being undertaken for peaceful purposes,

*Recognizing* the interests of the international community in the subject and the need to follow closely such developments,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow future scientific and technological developments, especially those which have potential military applications, and to evaluate their impact on international security, with the assistance of qualified consultant experts, as appropriate, and

<sup>100</sup> A/42/844-S/19314, annex. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1987*, document S/19314, annex.

to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to establish panels at the national level to monitor and evaluate such developments and disseminate the assessments provided by the Secretary-General;

3. *Also invites* all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views and proposals as well as the evaluations of the national panels;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session an item entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security".

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## B

### THIRD SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Convinced* that, in the international community's continuing search for lasting security, multilateral action has an increasingly important role,

*Welcoming* the fact that during recent years a favourable climate has developed within the international community and progress has been recorded in some important fields of disarmament,

*Encouraged* by the Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles,<sup>11</sup> which represents a valuable initial step in the reduction of nuclear weapons,

*Taking into account* that, despite the positive processes and developments, the general situation with regard to armament is far from satisfactory,

*Stressing* the necessity of mutually complementary bilateral, regional and global approaches for success in disarmament negotiations and the attainment of peace and security,

*Expressing its regret* that the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly, the third special session devoted to disarmament, ended without agreement on a concluding document,

*Reaffirming* the validity of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>13</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament, which reflected a historic consensus on the part of the international community that the halting and reversing of the arms race, in particular the nuclear-arms race, and the achievement of genuine disarmament are tasks of primary importance and urgency,

1. *Considers* that the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly served the purpose of increasing awareness of the areas where future efforts should be concentrated and underscored the urgency that States should work resolutely for the common cause of curbing the arms race, particularly in the nuclear field, and achieving disarmament;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the numerous constructive proposals submitted by Member States to the General Assembly at its fifteenth special session aimed at advancing disarmament and increasing security;<sup>101</sup>

3. *Calls upon* all Member States to contribute to the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament, as it provides the most appropriate forum for all Member States to contribute actively and collectively to the consideration and resolution of disarmament issues that have a bearing on their security;

4. *Considers* that the contribution of the special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament has been useful in reviewing and assessing the results of the efforts of Member States in moving forward deliberations and negotiations on all disarmament and related issues, and that they can provide a new direction and impetus for these efforts;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session an item entitled "Special sessions on disarmament".

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### 43/78. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session

## A

### REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the special and annual reports of the Disarmament Commission,<sup>102</sup>

*Emphasizing again* the importance of an effective follow-up to the relevant recommendations and decisions contained in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>13</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament,

*Taking into account* the relevant sections of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>87</sup> the second special session devoted to disarmament,

*Also taking into account* widespread views expressed during the fifteenth special session of the General Assembly, the third special session devoted to disarmament,

*Considering* the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in the promotion of the implementation of the relevant decisions of the tenth special session,

*Recalling* its resolutions 33/71 H of 14 December 1978, 34/83 H of 11 December 1979, 35/152 F of 12 December 1980, 36/92 B of 9 December 1981, 37/78 H of 9 December 1982, 38/183 E of 20 December 1983, 39/148 R of 17 December 1984, 40/152 F of 16 December 1985, 41/86 E of 4 December 1986 and 42/42 G of 30 November 1987,

<sup>101</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda items 10 to 15, document A/S-15/50, annex I.

<sup>102</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/S-15/3)*, and *ibid.*, *Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/43/42)*.