

*Convinced* that the world is in fact witnessing a revolution in its mode of thinking as regards the historic legacy of armed national security and is giving way to new concepts in a manner that will require the full partnership of peoples,

*Confronted* by an explosion of new ideas, new theories, new proposals and new strategies, in the effort to cope with short-term and long-term plans submitted by statesmen and Governments in an intolerable fragmentation, which need to be formulated, as a fused and organized departure from past outmoded premises, into a new philosophy on disarmament,

1. *Considers* it necessary that all the new ideas, new proposals, new thinking and new strategies set forth in the broad range of general debates preceding and following the adoption of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session be formulated into a single comprehensive and co-ordinated system, into a new philosophy on disarmament, in a message that can effectively reach the minds of men in a mobilization of world public opinion in support of the United Nations goal for the halting of the present arms race and eventually for complete and general disarmament centred on a new order of national and international security;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies, to study ways and means whereby the objectives in paragraph 1 above can be accomplished and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Advisory Board may be able to report results, as appropriate, in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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**33/72. Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of guarantees of the security of non-nuclear States**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Convinced* of the need to take effective measures for the strengthening of the security of States and prompted by the desire shared by all nations to eliminate war and prevent a nuclear holocaust,

*Noting* that the non-use of force or threat of force in international relations is one of the fundamental principles enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirmed in a number of United Nations declarations and resolutions,

*Noting with satisfaction* the desire of States in various regions to prevent nuclear weapons from being introduced into their territories through the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones, on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, and being anxious to contribute to this objective,

*Recognizing* that effective measures to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons can constitute a positive contribution to the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons,

*Welcoming* the determination of States in various regions of the world to keep their territories free from nuclear weapons,

*Mindful* of the statements and observations made by various States on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States,

*Desiring* to promote the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>67</sup>

1. *Considers* it necessary to take effective measures for the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States through appropriate international arrangements;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Disarmament to consider to that end, at the earliest possible date, the drafts of an international convention on the subject, submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, as well as all proposals and suggestions concerning effective political and legal measures at the international level to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on Disarmament all the documents relating to the discussion by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session of the item entitled "Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of guarantees of the security of non-nuclear States";

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Strengthening of guarantees of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States".

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**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the need to allay the legitimate concern of the States of the world with regard to ensuring lasting security for their peoples,

*Convinced* that nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

*Deeply concerned* at the continuation of the arms race, in particular the nuclear arms race, and the threat to mankind due to the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons,

*Convinced* that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

*Taking into account* the principle of the non-use of force or threat of force enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Deeply concerned* about any possibility of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

*Recognizing* that the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of non-nuclear-weapon States need to be safeguarded against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

*Considering* that, until nuclear disarmament is achieved on a universal basis, it is imperative for the

<sup>67</sup> Resolution S-10/2.

international community to develop, as appropriate, effective measures to ensure the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from any quarter,

*Recognizing* that effective measures to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons can constitute a positive contribution to the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons,

*Recalling* its resolution 3261 G (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

*Further recalling* its resolution 31/189 C of 21 December 1976,

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 59 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>68</sup> in which it requested the nuclear-weapon States urgently to conclude, as appropriate, effective arrangements to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

*Desirous* of promoting the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session,

*Taking into consideration* the views and proposals submitted on this subject at its thirty-third session,

1. *Urges* that urgent efforts should be made to conclude effective arrangements, as appropriate, to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, including consideration of an international convention and of alternative ways and means of achieving this objective;

2. *Takes note* of the proposals submitted<sup>69</sup> and views expressed<sup>70</sup> on this subject at its thirty-third session and recommends that the Committee on Disarmament should consider them and submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons".

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### 33/73. Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that in the Charter the peoples of the United Nations proclaimed their determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and that one of the fundamental purposes of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security,

*Reaffirming* that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946, planning, preparation, initiation or waging of a war

<sup>68</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>69</sup> A/C.1/33/L.6, annex, and A/C.1/33/L.15, annex (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Annexes*, agenda item 128, document A/33/426, paras. 5 and 6); A/C.1/33/7, annex.

<sup>70</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, First Committee*, 20th to 28th and 59th to 61st meetings (A/C.1/33/PV.20-28 and 59-61); and *ibid.*, *First Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

of aggression are crimes against peace and that, pursuant to the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, of 24 October 1970,<sup>71</sup> and the Definition of Aggression of 14 December 1974,<sup>72</sup> a war of aggression constitutes a crime against the peace,

*Reaffirming* the right of individuals, States and all mankind to life in peace,

*Aware* that, since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed,

*Recognizing* that peace among nations is mankind's paramount value, held in the highest esteem by all principal political, social and religious movements,

*Guided* by the lofty goal of preparing societies for and creating conditions of their common existence and co-operation in peace, equality, mutual confidence and understanding,

*Recognizing* the essential role of Governments, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations, both national and international, the mass media, educational processes and teaching methods, in promoting the ideals of peace and understanding among nations,

*Convinced* that, in the era of modern scientific and technological progress, mankind's resources, energy and creative talents should be directed to the peaceful economic, social and cultural development of all countries, should promote the implementation of the new international economic order and should serve the raising of the living standards of all nations,

*Stressing with utmost concern* that the arms race, in particular in the nuclear field, and the development of new types and systems of weapons, based on modern scientific principles and achievements, threaten world peace,

*Recalling* that, in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>73</sup> the States Members of the United Nations solemnly reaffirmed their determination to make further collective efforts aimed at strengthening peace and international security and eliminating the threat of war, and agreed that, in order to facilitate the process of disarmament, it was necessary to take measures and pursue policies to strengthen international peace and security and to build confidence among States,

*Reaffirming* the principles contained in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, of 14 December 1960,<sup>74</sup> the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, of 16 December 1970<sup>75</sup> and the Declaration on the Deepening and Consolidation of International Détente, of 19 December 1977,<sup>76</sup>

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, of 7 December 1965,<sup>77</sup>

<sup>71</sup> Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>72</sup> Resolution 3314 (XXIX), annex.

<sup>73</sup> Resolution S-10/2.

<sup>74</sup> Resolution 1514 (XV).

<sup>75</sup> Resolution 2734 (XXV).

<sup>76</sup> Resolution 32/155.

<sup>77</sup> Resolution 2037 (XX).