

*Noting* also the message sent to the President of the General Assembly concerning this matter by the President of the Republic of Colombia and the President of the Republic of Venezuela on 27 September 1978,<sup>91</sup>

*Considering* the extreme gravity of the events that have taken place and are continuing to occur in Nicaragua, which have caused the death of thousands of people, incalculable destruction of property and repeated violations of the most basic rights and which have led some countries of the American continent to attempt to reach a peaceful solution to the internal conflict in Nicaragua by means of a friendly committee of conciliation,

1. *Censures* the repression of the civilian population of Nicaragua and the violation of the sovereignty of Costa Rica by Nicaraguan military aircraft;

2. *Expresses deep concern* over the serious turn taken by the domestic situation in Nicaragua and over its implications for peace and security in the region;

3. *Demands* that the Nicaraguan authorities stop military and other activities that endanger the security of the region, in particular those that threaten the sovereignty and territorial inviolability of neighbouring countries;

4. *Urges* the Nicaraguan authorities to ensure respect for the human rights of the citizens of Nicaragua, in accordance with their international commitments and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* all States to adopt the necessary measures, in accordance with their constitutional procedures, to discourage the recruitment and participation of their nationals as mercenaries in the conflict occurring in Nicaragua;

6. *Urges* the continuation of international efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the internal conflict in Nicaragua;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the appropriate channels, carefully to follow developments in the situation in Nicaragua and provide the assistance needed to achieve the purposes of the present resolution.

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15 December 1978

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#### A

##### REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Having resolved* to lay the foundations of an international disarmament strategy which aims at general and complete disarmament under effective international control, through co-ordinated and persevering efforts in which the United Nations should play a more effective role,

*Recalling* the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, in which it decided to establish the Disarmament Commission,<sup>93</sup>

*Emphasizing* the importance of an effective follow-up of the relevant recommendations and decisions adopted at its tenth special session,

*Having considered* the report of the Disarmament Commission,<sup>94</sup>

1. *Endorses* the report of the Disarmament Commission and the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set down in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session, as well as the recommendations contained in its report and the decisions that the General Assembly has taken at its current session and which have a bearing on the Commission's programme of work in 1979;

3. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report on the work of the Commission, including any recommendations and observations it may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the Final Document, together with all the official records of the tenth special session, so that the views and proposals presented by States during the session will be available for the implementation of the Commission's programme of work;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render to the Disarmament Commission all the necessary assistance that it may require for implementing the present resolution;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to communicate to him, by 31 March 1979, their views and suggestions on the comprehensive programme of disarmament, for transmission to the Disarmament Commission;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission".

86th plenary meeting  
16 December 1978

#### B

##### CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Concerned* at the fact that the arms race is accelerating and that the world figure for expenditures on armaments continues to increase,

*Convinced* that it is possible to develop effective international methods and procedures to promote general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Desiring* to eliminate the sources of tension by peaceful means and thereby to contribute to the strengthening of peace and security in the world,

*Stressing* the importance of the statement in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly that it is necessary, in order to facilitate the process of disarmament, to take measures and to pursue policies to strengthen international peace

<sup>91</sup> A/33/275, annex.

<sup>92</sup> See also sect. X.B.2, decision 33/422.

<sup>93</sup> Resolution S-10/2, para. 118.

<sup>94</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/33/42).

and security and to build confidence among States<sup>95</sup> in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Considering* that strict compliance by all States with the purposes and principles of the Charter is essential to ease international tensions and to create mutual confidence among States,

*Recognizing* the need and urgency of first steps to diminish the danger of armed conflicts resulting from misunderstandings or from misinterpretations of military activities,

*Aware* that there are situations peculiar to specific regions, which have a bearing on the nature of the confidence-building measures feasible in those regions,

*Expressing* its conviction that commitment to confidence-building measures could contribute to strengthening the security of States,

*Noting* the fact that at its tenth special session a number of proposals for such measures were submitted to that effect which deserve due consideration,

1. *Recommends* that all States should consider on a regional basis arrangements for specific confidence-building measures, taking into account the specific conditions and requirements of each region;

2. *Invites* all States to inform the Secretary-General of their views and experiences regarding those confidence-building measures they consider appropriate and feasible;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the views of Member States on this question to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Confidence-building measures".

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16 December 1978*

### C

#### STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2602 A (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, 2932 B (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, 3184 A and C (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3261 C (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3484 C (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and 31/189 A of 21 December 1976,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 32/87 G of 12 December 1977, in which, *inter alia*, it noted with satisfaction:

(a) The declaration made by the President of the United States of America on 4 October 1977 in these terms:

"The United States is willing to go as far as possible, consistent with our security interests, in limiting and reducing our nuclear weapons. On a reciprocal basis we are willing now to reduce them by 10 per cent, 20 per cent or even 50 per cent. Then we will work for further reductions with a view to a world truly free of nuclear weapons."<sup>96</sup>

<sup>95</sup> Resolution S-10/2, para. 93.

<sup>96</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 18th meeting, para. 15.

(b) The declaration made by the President of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 2 November 1977 in these terms:

"Today we are proposing a radical step: that agreement be reached on a simultaneous halt in the production of nuclear weapons by all States. This would apply to all such weapons—whether atomic, hydrogen or neutron bombs or missiles. At the same time, the nuclear Powers could undertake to start the gradual reduction of existing stockpiles of such weapons and move towards their complete, total destruction."

*Bearing in mind* that the Programme of Action set forth in section III of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly<sup>97</sup> included among those measures which deserve the highest priority the one which is set forth in these terms:

"The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America should conclude at the earliest possible date the agreement they have been pursuing for several years in the second series of the strategic arms limitation talks. They are invited to transmit in good time the text of the agreement to the General Assembly. It should be followed promptly by further strategic arms limitation negotiations between the two parties, leading to agreed significant reductions of, and qualitative limitations on, strategic arms. It should constitute an important step in the direction of nuclear disarmament and, ultimately, of establishment of a world free of such weapons."<sup>98</sup>

*Noting* that in the Programme of Action it was established that in the task of achieving the goals of nuclear disarmament all the nuclear-weapon States, in particular those among them which possess the most important nuclear arsenals, bear a special responsibility,<sup>99</sup>

1. *Deeply regrets* that, in spite of all that has been declared, resolved or reiterated over the last decade, it has not yet been possible for the talks on the limitation of strategic weapons, known as SALT, to achieve even the immediate results envisaged in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session, the first devoted to disarmament;

2. *Stresses once again with the greatest emphasis* the necessity that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America strive to implement as soon as possible the declarations made in 1977 by their respective heads of State and reiterates its invitation to the Governments of both countries to adopt without delay all relevant measures to achieve that objective, which coincides in essence with the one defined in this regard in paragraph 52 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session;

3. *Trusts* that the two Governments will fulfil the invitation which the General Assembly addressed to them in paragraph 52 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session, in order that they may transmit to it in good time the text of the agreement which over the last four years has been pursued in the second series of the strategic arms limitation talks.

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16 December 1978*

<sup>97</sup> Resolution S-10/2.

<sup>98</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 52.

<sup>99</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 48.

## D

## STUDY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* of its responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for disarmament and the preservation of peace,

*Mindful* of the important task of the First Committee, to evaluate the state of the arms race and to deliberate on the issues of disarmament,

*Recalling* the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly in which it was underlined that the most immediate goal of disarmament is that of the elimination of the danger of a nuclear war,<sup>100</sup>

*Recalling also* that, in the same document, it was recommended that the United Nations should increase the dissemination of information concerning the arms race and disarmament with the full co-operation of its Member States,<sup>101</sup>

*Noting* that the only study on nuclear weapons carried out by the United Nations, entitled *Effects of the Possible Use of Nuclear Weapons and the Security and Economic Implications for States of the Acquisition and Further Development of These Weapons*, was published more than ten years ago,<sup>102</sup>

*Noting also* that since then many important developments have taken place in the nuclear arms sector,

*Convinced* that a broad study on various aspects of nuclear weapons carried out by the United Nations would make a valuable contribution to the dissemination of factual information and to international understanding of the issues involved,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of qualified experts,<sup>103</sup> to carry out a comprehensive study providing factual information on present nuclear arsenals, trends in the technological development of nuclear-weapon systems, the effects of their use and the implications for international security as well as for negotiations on disarmament of:

(a) The doctrines of deterrence and other theories concerning nuclear weapons;

(b) The continued quantitative increase and qualitative improvement and development of nuclear-weapon systems;

2. *Recommends* that the study, while aiming at being as comprehensive as possible, should be based on open material and such further information that Member States may wish to make available for the purpose of the study;

3. *Invites* all Governments to co-operate with the Secretary-General so that the objectives of the study may be achieved;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the final report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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16 December 1978*

## E

STUDY ON ALL THE ASPECTS OF  
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Concerned* about the armaments race and the continued increase in expenditures on armaments,

*Recognizing* the importance of pursuing every effort which might contribute to progress towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Mindful* of the importance of the regional measures already adopted, of studies already carried out, notably in the field of nuclear-weapon-free zones, and of regional efforts undertaken at the nuclear and conventional levels, both in the field of measures designed to increase confidence and in that of disarmament and arms control,

*Recalling* its resolution 32/87 D of 12 December 1977, on the regional aspects of disarmament,

*Taking note* of national contributions made in accordance with the aforementioned resolution,

*Taking fully into account* the decisions and recommendations contained in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly<sup>104</sup> and the views expressed by Member States at its thirty-third session,

1. *Decides* to undertake a systematic study of all the aspects of regional disarmament;

2. *Specifies* in that connexion that the study shall cover, *inter alia*, the following subjects:

(a) Basic conditions governing the regional approach, particularly from the standpoint of security requirements;

(b) Definition of measures which, on the initiative of the States concerned, may lend themselves to a regional approach;

(c) The link between regional measures and the process of general and complete disarmament;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to carry out the study with the assistance of a group of qualified governmental experts, appointed by him on a balanced geographical basis, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a progress report on the work of the Group of Governmental Experts on Regional Disarmament.

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16 December 1978*

## F

## NON-STATIONING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE TERRITORIES OF STATES WHERE THERE ARE NO SUCH WEAPONS AT PRESENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* that a nuclear war would have devastating consequences for the whole of mankind,

<sup>104</sup> Resolution S-10/2.

<sup>100</sup> Resolution S-10/2, para. 18.

<sup>101</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 99 and 100.

<sup>102</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.68.IX.1.

<sup>103</sup> Subsequently referred to as the Group of Experts on a Comprehensive Study on Nuclear Weapons.

*Desiring* to promote the halting of the nuclear arms race,

*Bearing in mind* the clearly expressed intention of many States to prevent the stationing of nuclear weapons on their territories,

*Considering* that the territorial limitation of the stationing of nuclear weapons is a measure closely related to the maintenance of peace and security in various regions and to the prevention of nuclear war,

*Considering* that the non-stationing of nuclear weapons on the territories of States where there are no such weapons at present would constitute a step towards the larger objective of the subsequent complete withdrawal of nuclear weapons from the territories of other States,

*Bearing in mind* the desire to promote the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in various regions of the world, on the initiative of the States of the region,

1. *Calls upon* all nuclear-weapon States to refrain from stationing nuclear weapons on the territories of States where there are no such weapons at present;

2. *Calls upon* all non-nuclear-weapon States which do not have nuclear weapons on their territory to refrain from any steps which would directly or indirectly result in the stationing of such weapons on their territories.

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## G

### COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that all the peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations,

*Recognizing also* that, in accordance with paragraph 28 of its resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, all States have the right to participate in disarmament negotiations,

*Recalling* that in paragraph 113 of the same resolution it declared that, in order to achieve maximum effectiveness in the sphere of disarmament, two kinds of bodies were required: deliberative, in which all Member States should be represented, and negotiating, which for the sake of convenience should have a relatively small membership,

*Recalling* that the membership of the Committee on Disarmament is to be reviewed at regular intervals in accordance with paragraph 120 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>105</sup>

1. *Recommends* that the first review of the membership of the Committee on Disarmament should be completed, following appropriate consultations among Member States, during the next special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Disarmament to consider the modalities of the review of the membership of the Committee and to report on this subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

<sup>105</sup> *Ibid.*

3. *Requests* the Committee on Disarmament to make arrangements for interested States not members of the Committee to submit to it written proposals or working documents on measures of disarmament that are the subject of negotiation in the Committee and to participate in the discussion of the subject-matter of such proposals or working documents;

4. *Reaffirms* that States not members of the Committee, upon their request, should be invited by it to express views in the Committee when the particular concerns of those States are under discussion;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item relating to a review of the membership of the Committee on Disarmament.

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## H

### PROHIBITION OF THE PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* that effective measures on a universal basis are necessary in order to facilitate the process of nuclear disarmament and the eventual complete elimination of nuclear weapons,

*Convinced* that efforts to halt and reverse the nuclear arms race will facilitate the prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices,

*Considering* that the acceptance by all States of binding and verifiable controls in the form of full scope safeguards, on a non-discriminatory basis, on all production of fissionable material, so as to ensure that it is not used for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, would contribute towards the efforts to promote non-proliferation, limit further production of nuclear weapons and facilitate nuclear disarmament,

*Recalling with satisfaction* that, in paragraph 50 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>106</sup> it recognized that the achievement of nuclear disarmament would require, *inter alia*, the urgent negotiation of an agreement, at an appropriate stage and with adequate measures of verification satisfactory to the States concerned, on the cessation of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes,

*Requests* the Committee on Disarmament, at an appropriate stage of its implementation of the proposals contained in the Programme of Action set forth in section III of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session,<sup>107</sup> to consider urgently the question of an adequately verified cessation and prohibition of the production of fissionable material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and to keep the General Assembly informed of the progress of that consideration.

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<sup>106</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>107</sup> *Ibid.*

## I

## DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2602 E (XXIV) of 16 December 1969, in which it declared the decade of the 1970s a Disarmament Decade,

*Reaffirming* the purposes and objectives of the Decade,

*Bearing in mind* the close relations between disarmament, international security and development,

*Recalling* its resolution 32/87 C of 12 December 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General to initiate a study on the interrelationship between disarmament and international security, parallel with the study on the interrelationship between disarmament and development,

*Recalling also* that, in paragraph 97 of its resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, it requested the Secretary-

General, with the assistance of consultant experts appointed by him,<sup>108</sup> to continue the study of the relationship between disarmament and international security,

1. *Considers* that the maintenance of international security through the United Nations in accordance with the provisions of the Charter is an essential objective of the Disarmament Decade;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite action for the continuation of the study of the relationship between disarmament and international security, with a view to submitting a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and the final report to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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<sup>108</sup> Subsequently referred to as the Group of Experts on the Relationship between Disarmament and International Security.