

13. *Affirms* that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity, under conditions of interdependence, for the full development and independence of all States, as well as the attainment of genuine security, peace and co-operation in the world;

14. *Calls upon* the great Powers to engage in constructive negotiations in good faith and to abandon policies of confrontation which have hitherto given rise to tension and mistrust;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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38/191. Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/119 of 16 December 1982 on the implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Reaffirming that the primary function of the United Nations, in particular through the Security Council, is the maintenance of international peace and security,

Renewing its commitment to the fundamental principle of the Charter that all States have the duty not to threaten or use force against the sovereignty, political independence or territorial integrity of other States,

Stressing that the purposes of the United Nations can be achieved only under conditions in which States comply fully with their obligations assumed under the Charter,

Alarmed over the growing tendency of States to resort to the use of force, interference and intervention in international relations, thus ignoring the Charter and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,¹³⁷

Concerned that the Security Council has not always been able to take decisive action for the maintenance of international peace and for resolving international problems,

Recognizing that fundamental approaches to genuine security include, *inter alia*, the strengthening of the Charter system of collective security,

¹³⁷ Resolution 2625 (XXV).

¹³⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).*

¹³⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/38/1).

¹⁴⁰ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1983, document S/15971.*

¹⁴¹ A/38/271-S/15830, annex. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Supplement for April, May and June 1983, document S/15830, annex.*

Conscious of the important role with which the Security Council is entrusted in enhancing the collective security provisions of the Charter for the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with the Charter,

Regretting that the provisions of the Charter relating to collective security measures have not been fully implemented,

Taking into account, in this connection, the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh¹³⁸ and thirty-eighth¹³⁹ sessions,

Also taking into account the note by the President of the Security Council of 12 September 1983,¹⁴⁰

Recalling the views of the Governments of the five Nordic countries on the strengthening of the United Nations,¹⁴¹

Also recalling the Political Declaration adopted by the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 1983,¹⁴²

Having considered the item entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security",

1. *Decides* to establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Implementation of the Collective Security Provisions of the Charter of the United Nations¹⁴³ for the purpose of exploring ways and means of implementing the said provisions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General urgently to invite the views and comments of Member States on the matter not later than 30 May 1984 and to transmit them to the *Ad Hoc* Committee as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc* Committee, in considering the matter, to take due account of the views and comments of Member States, including their recommendations, and to submit a progress report to the Security Council for its consideration and comments and to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, and a final report to the Assembly at its fortieth session;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Implementation of the collective security provisions of the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security".

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¹⁴² A/38/132-S/15675 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, sect. I.

¹⁴³ At its 104th plenary meeting, on 20 December 1983, the General Assembly entrusted its President with the task of appointing the members of the *Ad Hoc* Committee. The membership of the Committee will be announced subsequently.