

tions conducive to the cessation of the arms race, particularly the nuclear-arms race, and for productive negotiations on disarmament measures.

*Bearing in mind* that recent events have brought into sharp focus the reality that consecutive decisions of the Security Council, adopted unanimously, were ignored and bypassed by those required to comply with them and in consequence the chain of events that followed further aggravated the situation,

*Determined* to avert the danger of an approaching nuclear war in a world of insecurity and anarchy in which the continuing lack of collective security through the United Nations is an essential factor,

*Having regard* to the warning in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,<sup>53</sup> that “it was the lack of an effective system of collective security through the League of Nations that . . . led to the Second World War”,

1. *Requests* the Security Council to expedite the conclusion of the agreements making armed forces available to the Security Council, as required by the Charter of the United Nations, to render operative the collective security system provided for in the Charter and thereby facilitate productive negotiations for the cessation of the arms race, particularly the nuclear-arms race, and for progress on disarmament;

2. *Further requests* the Security Council to submit a report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the decision adopted at its twelfth special session to set, during its thirty-eighth session, the date of the third special session devoted to disarmament,<sup>54</sup>

*Desiring* to contribute to the furthering and broadening of positive processes initiated through the laying down of the foundations of an international disarmament strategy at its tenth special session,

1. *Decides* that the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament should be held not later than 1988;

2. *Decides also* to set, not later than at its fortieth session, the date of the third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament and to make appropriate arrangements concerning the establishment of a preparatory committee for that third special session.

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<sup>53</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, document A/S-12/32, para. 66.

## J

### REGIONAL DISARMAMENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 37/100 F of 13 December 1982 on regional disarmament,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>55</sup>

2. *Takes note also* of the fact that, at the request of the States having participated in the Madrid meeting of representatives of the participating States of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, held from 11 November 1980 to 9 September 1983, on the basis of the provisions of the Final Act relating to the follow-up to the Conference, the Government of Spain has transmitted the Concluding Document of this meeting to the Secretary-General;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction*, in this connection, at the convening at Stockholm of the Conference on Confidence- and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe, commencing on 17 January 1984, as a substantial and integral part of the multilateral process initiated by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe;

4. *Takes note also* of the proposals made in the context of regional disarmament since the adoption of its resolution 37/100 F;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly regularly informed on the implementation of resolution 37/100 F, as well as on the activities carried out by the Secretariat, in particular the Department for Disarmament Affairs, and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, in the field of the regional approach to disarmament;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled “Regional disarmament: report of the Secretary-General”.

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### 38/74. Implementation of the conclusions of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and establishment of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2373 (XXII) of 12 June 1968, the annex to which contains the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

*Noting* the provisions of article VIII, paragraph 3, of that Treaty concerning the holding of successive review conferences,

*Noting* that in the Final Document of the Second Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, held at Geneva from 11 August to 7 September 1980, the Conference proposed to the Depositary Governments that a third conference to review the operation of the Treaty be convened in 1985<sup>56</sup> and noting that there appears to be a consensus among the parties that the Third Review Conference should be held at Geneva in August/September of that year,

<sup>55</sup> A/38/376 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>56</sup> See *Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Final Document, Part I* (NPT/CONF.11/22/1) (Geneva, 1980), para. 32.

1. *Notes* that, following appropriate consultations, an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons was formed of parties to the Treaty serving on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency or represented on the Committee on Disarmament as well as any party to the Treaty which may express its interest in participating in the work of the Preparatory Committee;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the Third Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its preparation.

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### 38/75. Condemnation of nuclear war

*The General Assembly,*

*Expressing its alarm* at the growing threat of nuclear war, which can lead to the destruction of civilization on earth,

*Drawing the attention* of all States and peoples to the conclusions arrived at by the most eminent scientists and military and civilian experts to the effect that it is impossible to limit the deadly consequences of nuclear war if it is ever begun and that in a nuclear war there can be no victors,

*Convinced* that the prevention of nuclear catastrophe is the most profound aspiration of billions of people on earth,

*Reaffirming its call* for the conclusion of an international convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons with the participation of all the nuclear-weapon States,

1. *Resolutely, unconditionally and for all time condemns* nuclear war as being contrary to human conscience and reason, as the most monstrous crime against peoples and as a violation of the foremost human right—the right to life;

2. *Condemns* the formulation, propounding, dissemination and propaganda of political and military doctrines and concepts intended to provide “legitimacy” for the first use of nuclear weapons and in general to justify the “admissibility” of unleashing nuclear war;

3. *Calls upon* all States to unite and redouble their efforts aimed at removing the threat of nuclear war, halting the nuclear-arms race and reducing nuclear weapons until they are completely eliminated.

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### 38/76. Nuclear-weapon freeze

*The General Assembly,*

*Expressing its alarm* that the continuing nuclear-arms race seriously increases the risk of the outbreak of a nuclear war,

*Taking into account* the great responsibility of nuclear States for the preservation of universal peace and the prevention of nuclear war,

*Recalling* its resolution 37/100 B of 13 December 1982, in which it expressed the firm conviction that the existing conditions were most propitious for a nuclear-weapon freeze,

1. *Urges* all nuclear-weapon States to proceed to freeze, under appropriate verification, all nuclear weapons in their possession both in quantitative and qualitative terms, namely:

(a) To cease the buildup of all components of nuclear arsenals, including all kinds of nuclear-weapon delivery systems and all kinds of nuclear weapons;

(b) Not to deploy nuclear weapons of new kinds and types;

(c) To establish a moratorium on all tests of nuclear weapons and on tests of new kinds and types of their delivery systems;

(d) To stop the production of fissionable materials for the purpose of creating nuclear weapons;

2. *Calls upon* the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, which possess the largest nuclear arsenals, to freeze, in the first place and simultaneously, their nuclear weapons on a bilateral basis by way of example to the other nuclear States;

3. *Believes* that all the other nuclear-weapon States should subsequently and as soon as possible freeze their nuclear weapons;

4. *Stresses* the urgent need to intensify efforts aimed at the speedy achievement of agreements on substantial limitations and radical reductions of nuclear weapons with a view to their complete elimination as the ultimate goal.

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### 38/77. Question of Antarctica

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled “Question of Antarctica”,

*Conscious* of the increasing international awareness of and interest in Antarctica,

*Bearing in mind* the Antarctic Treaty<sup>57</sup> and the significance of the system it has developed,

*Taking into account* the debate on this item at its thirty-eighth session,<sup>58</sup>

*Convinced* of the advantages of a better knowledge of Antarctica,

*Affirming the conviction* that, in the interest of all mankind, Antarctica should continue forever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and that it should not become the scene or object of international discord,

*Recalling* the relevant paragraphs of the Economic Declaration adopted by the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March 1983,<sup>59</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive, factual and objective study on all aspects of Antarctica, taking fully into account the Antarctic Treaty system and other relevant factors;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of all Member States in the preparation of the study;

3. *Requests* those States conducting scientific research in Antarctica, other interested States, the relevant special-

<sup>57</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 402, No. 5778, p. 72.

<sup>58</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, First Committee*, 42nd to 46th meetings.

<sup>59</sup> A/38/132-S/15675 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, sect. III, paras. 122 and 123.