

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>26</sup>

1. *Condemns* Israel's refusal to renounce any possession of nuclear weapons and to place all its nuclear activities under international safeguards;
2. *Requests* the Security Council to take urgent and effective measures to implement its resolution 487 (1981) and to ensure that Israel complies with the resolution and places its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards;
3. *Requests* the International Atomic Energy Agency to suspend any scientific co-operation with Israel which could contribute to Israel's nuclear capabilities;
4. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the Israeli threat, in violation of the Charter of the United Nations, to repeat its armed attack on peaceful nuclear facilities in Iraq and in other countries;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to follow closely Israel's nuclear activities and the nuclear and military collaboration between Israel and South Africa and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session thereon, as appropriate;
6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Israeli nuclear armament".

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### 38/70. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

*The General Assembly,*

*Inspired* by the great prospects opening up before mankind as a result of man's entry into outer space twenty-six years ago,

*Recognizing* the common interest of all mankind in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

*Reaffirming* that the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, shall be carried out for the benefit and in the interest of all countries, irrespective of their degree of economic or scientific development, and shall be the province of all mankind,

*Reaffirming further* the will of all States that the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, shall be exclusively for peaceful purposes,

*Recalling* that the States parties to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies,<sup>27</sup> have undertaken, in article III, to carry on activities in the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations, in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and promoting international co-operation and understanding,

*Reaffirming*, in particular, article IV of the above-mentioned Treaty, which stipulates that States parties to the Treaty undertake not to place in orbit around the earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction, install such weapons on celestial bodies or station such weapons in outer space in any other manner,

*Reaffirming also* paragraph 80 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>28</sup> in which it is stated that, in order to prevent an arms race in outer space, further measures should be taken and appropriate international negotiations held in accordance with the spirit of the Treaty,

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/97 C and 36/99 of 9 December 1981, 37/83 of 9 December 1982 and 37/99 D of 13 December 1982,

*Gravely concerned* at the danger posed to all mankind by an arms race in outer space,

*Mindful* of the widespread interest expressed by Member States in the course of the negotiations on and following the adoption of the above-mentioned Treaty in ensuring that the exploration and use of outer space should be for peaceful purposes, and taking note of proposals submitted to the General Assembly at its tenth special session and at its regular sessions and to the Committee on Disarmament,

*Noting* the grave concern expressed by the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space over the extension of an arms race into outer space and the recommendations made to the competent organs of the United Nations, in particular the General Assembly, and also to the Committee on Disarmament,<sup>29</sup>

*Convinced* that further measures are needed for the prevention of an arms race in outer space,

*Recognizing* that, in the context of multilateral negotiations for preventing an arms race in outer space, the resumption of bilateral negotiations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America could make a significant contribution to such an objective,

*Taking note* of the report of the Committee on Disarmament,<sup>30</sup>

*Noting* that in the course of its session in 1983 the Committee on Disarmament considered this subject both at its formal and informal meetings, as well as through informal consultations,

*Aware* of the various proposals submitted by Member States to the Committee on Disarmament, particularly concerning the establishment of a working group on the subject and its draft mandate, which had been considered extensively by a contact group,

*Taking note* of the draft Treaty on the Prohibition of the Use of Force in Outer Space and from Space against the Earth, submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,<sup>31</sup> as well as views and comments expressed during the discussion of that draft at its thirty-eighth session,

*Expressing its deep concern and disappointment* that, although there was no objection, in principle, to the establishment without delay of such a working group, the Committee on Disarmament has not thus far been enabled to reach agreement on an acceptable mandate for the working group during its 1983 session,

1. *Reaffirms* that general and complete disarmament under effective international control warrants that outer space shall be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and that it shall not become an arena for an arms race;

2. *Emphasizes* that further effective measures to prevent an arms race in outer space should be adopted by the international community;

<sup>26</sup> A/38/199.

<sup>27</sup> Resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

<sup>28</sup> Resolution S-10/2.

<sup>29</sup> See *Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Vienna, 9-21 August 1982 (A/CONF.101/10 and Corr.1 and 2)*, paras. 13, 14 and 426.

<sup>30</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/38/27)*, sect. III.G.

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-eighth Session, Annexes*, agenda items 43-63, 139, 141, 143 and 144, document A/38/194, annex.

3. *Calls upon* all States, in particular those with major space capabilities, to contribute actively to the objective of the peaceful use of outer space and to take immediate measures to prevent an arms race in outer space;

4. *Reiterates* that the Conference on Disarmament,<sup>32</sup> as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, has a primary role in the negotiation of an agreement or agreements, as appropriate, on the prevention of an arms race in all its aspects in outer space;

5. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to consider as a matter of priority the question of preventing an arms race in outer space;

6. *Also requests* the Conference on Disarmament to intensify its consideration of the question of the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects, taking into account all relevant proposals, including the consideration of the proposal referred to in the preambular part of the present resolution;

7. *Further requests* the Conference on Disarmament to establish an *ad hoc* working group at the beginning of its session in 1984, with a view to undertaking negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement or agreements, as appropriate, to prevent an arms race in all its aspects in outer space;

8. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to report on its consideration of this subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Conference on Disarmament all documents relating to the consideration of this subject by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space".

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### **38/71. Relationship between disarmament and development**

#### **A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the conclusions contained in the study entitled *The Relationship between Disarmament and Development*,<sup>33</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 37/84 of 9 December 1982,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>34</sup> on measures taken within the United Nations system in implementation of resolution 37/84;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session based on appropriate measures taken by Member States and within the United Nations system in accordance with resolution 37/84.

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<sup>32</sup> From 7 February 1984, the date of commencement of its annual session, the Committee on Disarmament is to be known as the "Conference on Disarmament" (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/38/27)*, para. 21).

#### **B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* by the arms buildup and trends in military expenditures, the consequent waste of human and economic resources and the resulting risks for world peace and security,

*Also concerned* by the extent of the crisis affecting the world economy, particularly the developing countries,

*Considering* that the magnitude of military expenditures is now such that their various implications can no longer be ignored in the efforts pursued in the international community to secure the recovery of the world economy and the establishment of a new international economic order,

*Also considering* that a reduction of arms expenditures, especially by nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, on a mutually agreed basis would be a measure that would curb the arms buildup and would make it possible to release additional resources for use in economic and social development, particularly for the benefit of the developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* the conclusions of the study entitled *The Relationship between Disarmament and Development*,<sup>33</sup> as well as General Assembly resolutions 36/92 G of 9 December 1981 and 37/84 of 9 December 1982, in which the Assembly took note of those conclusions,

*Noting* that an investigation of the modalities of an international disarmament fund for development was undertaken in 1983 by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/84,

*Recalling* the recommendation of the General Assembly in that resolution that the question of the conversion of resources from military to civilian purposes and the reallocation to economic and social development of the resources released by disarmament measures should be included in the provisional agenda of the Assembly at intervals to be decided upon,

*Convinced* that the time has come to study measures that could be taken on the basis of the conclusions and recommendations of existing studies or studies being prepared on the question,

*Noting* that the envisaged initiatives include, in particular, a proposal for a conference on the various implications of the relationship between disarmament and development and a proposal on the establishment of an international disarmament fund for development,

1. *Expresses its conviction* that increased solidarity in the field of development would serve the cause of international peace and security and that the resources released by the reduction of arms expenditures would contribute to the growth and stability of the world economy, and particularly the economies of developing countries;

2. *Invites* Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, by 1 April 1984, their views and proposals concerning the relationship between disarmament and development, in particular with regard to the following:

(a) The evaluation of the burden of armaments in the world;

(b) The impact of military expenditures on the world economic situation and development;

(c) The contribution that a reduction in arms and military expenditures, in particular by nuclear-weapon States and other militarily important States, or a contribution by

<sup>33</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.IX.1.

<sup>34</sup> A/38/436.