

useful in measures of conventional disarmament on a regional scale;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Conventional disarmament on a regional scale".

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## N

### NOTIFICATION OF NUCLEAR TESTS

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the repeated calls by the General Assembly for the urgent conclusion of a treaty to ban all nuclear explosions in all environments for all time,

*Expressing its conviction* that, pending the conclusion of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, the States concerned should provide all other States with information on all nuclear explosions conducted by them,

*Convinced* that the provision of such data by all States conducting nuclear explosions would supplement and contribute to the improvement of independent monitoring capabilities and thereby facilitate the early conclusion of a verifiable comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty,

1. *Calls upon* each of the States concerned to provide to the Secretary-General within one week of each nuclear explosion:

- (a) The date and time of the explosion;
- (b) The exact location of the explosion in terms of geographic co-ordinates and depth;
- (c) The geological characteristics, including the basic physical properties of the rock, of the site of the explosion;
- (d) The estimated yield of the explosion;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make this information immediately available to all States and to submit to the General Assembly annually a register of the information provided on nuclear explosions during the preceding twelve months.

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## O

### REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 39/151 G of 17 December 1984 and 40/94 O of 12 December 1985,

*Bearing in mind* that the primary purpose of the United Nations is to maintain international peace and security,

*Reaffirming its conviction* that genuine and lasting peace can be created only through the effective implementation of the security system provided for in the Charter of the United Nations and the speedy and substantial reduction of arms and armed forces, by international agreement and mutual example, leading ultimately to general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

*Reaffirming further* that the United Nations, in accordance with its Charter, has a central role and primary responsibility in the sphere of disarmament,

*Recognizing* the need for the United Nations, in discharging its central role and primary responsibility in the sphere of disarmament, to play a more active role in the field of disarmament in accordance with its primary purpose under the Charter to maintain international peace and security,

*Taking into account* the part of the report of the Disarmament Commission relating to this question,<sup>59</sup>

1. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to continue its consideration of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament as a matter of priority at its next substantive session, in 1987, with a view to the elaboration of concrete recommendations and proposals, as appropriate, taking into account, *inter alia*, the views and suggestions of Member States as well as the aforementioned documents on the subject;

2. *Requests further* the Disarmament Commission to submit its report on the subject, including findings, recommendations and proposals, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Review of the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament: report of the Disarmament Commission".

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### 41/60. Review and Implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly

## A

### WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN: ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

*The General Assembly,*

*Aware* of the growing public concern at the dangers of the arms race, particularly the nuclear-arms race, and its negative social and economic consequences,

*Noting with satisfaction* the successful implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign and its positive impact on the mobilization on a large scale of world public opinion on behalf of peace and disarmament,

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/92 J of 9 December 1981, 37/100 H of 13 December 1982, 38/73 F of 15 December 1983, 39/63 A of 12 December 1984 and 40/151 D of 16 December 1985,

*Welcoming* the voluntary contributions made to the World Disarmament Campaign Voluntary Trust Fund to carry out the objectives of the Campaign,

*Taking into account* the report of the Secretary-General on the progress and implementation of the programme of activities of the Campaign,<sup>60</sup>

*Convinced* that the United Nations system, Member States, with respect for their sovereign rights, and other bodies, in particular non-governmental organizations, all have their role to play in achieving the objectives of the Campaign,<sup>61</sup>

<sup>59</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/41/42), para. 30.

<sup>60</sup> A/41/554.

<sup>61</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9-13, document A/S-12/32, annex V, sect. 11.

*Expressing its satisfaction* over the great number of various activities carried out within the framework of the Campaign in support of measures to prevent nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament,

1. *Reaffirms* the usefulness of further carrying out actions and activities that are an important manifestation of the will of world public opinion and contribute effectively to the achievement of the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign and thus to the creation of a favourable climate for making progress in the field of disarmament with a view to achieving the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

2. *Reaffirms also* the importance of carrying out the Campaign in accordance with the priorities in the field of disarmament established in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> taking into account that the cessation of nuclear-weapon tests, the adoption of effective measures for nuclear disarmament, the prevention of an arms race in outer space and the prevention of nuclear war have the highest priority;

3. *Calls upon* Governments of all States to recognize and respect the mass peace and disarmament movements as an important factor of current world politics contributing to the promotion of a new political approach required by the realities of the nuclear and space age;

4. *Urges* Governments of all States, especially the nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, in formulating their policies in the field of disarmament, to take into account the main demands of the mass peace and disarmament movements, in particular with regard to the immediate cessation and prohibition of all nuclear-weapon tests, with a bilateral moratorium by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on all nuclear explosions being the first step towards this end, and the prevention of an arms race in outer space and its termination on Earth, and invites them to inform the Secretary-General annually of the actions taken to that end;

5. *Recommends* that, in carrying out the Campaign, due regard should be given to important dates and anniversaries related to international peace and security;

6. *Considers* it necessary, the future of mankind being at stake, that more attention should be paid to the active involvement of children and youth in Campaign activities;

7. *Invites once again* Member States to co-operate with the United Nations to ensure a better flow of accurate information with regard to the various aspects of disarmament, as well as actions and activities of the world public in support of peace and disarmament, and to avoid dissemination of false and tendentious information;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in implementing the programme of activities of the Campaign, to give wider publicity to the work of the General Assembly in the field of disarmament, paying due attention, in particular, to the proposals of Member States and the action taken thereon;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report annually to the General Assembly on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution.

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## B

### WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that in paragraph 15 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament, it declared that it was essential that not only Governments but also the peoples of the world recognize and understand the dangers in the present situation and stressed the importance of mobilizing world public opinion on behalf of disarmament,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/152 I of 12 December 1980, 36/92 C of 9 December 1981, 37/100 I of 13 December 1982, 38/73 D of 15 December 1983, 39/63 D of 12 December 1984 and 40/151 B of 16 December 1985, as well as the reports of the Secretary-General of 17 September 1981,<sup>62</sup> 11 June 1982,<sup>63</sup> 3 November 1982,<sup>64</sup> 30 August 1983,<sup>65</sup> 4 October 1985<sup>66</sup> and 19 September 1986,<sup>60</sup>

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of activities of the World Disarmament Campaign by the United Nations system during 1986 and the activities contemplated for 1987, as well as its main financial aspects,<sup>60</sup>

*Having also examined* the part of the report of the Secretary-General dealing with the activities of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies relating to the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign,<sup>67</sup> as well as the Final Act of the 1986 United Nations Pledging Conference for the Campaign,<sup>68</sup> held on 28 October 1986,

1. *Reiterates its commendation* of the manner in which, as described in the above-mentioned reports, the World Disarmament Campaign has been geared by the Secretary-General in order to guarantee "the widest possible dissemination of information and unimpeded access for all sectors of the public to a broad range of information and opinions on questions of arms limitation and disarmament and the dangers relating to all aspects of the arms race and war, in particular nuclear war";<sup>69</sup>

2. *Recalls* that, as was also agreed by consensus in the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, the second special session devoted to disarmament, it is likewise an essential requisite for the universality of the Campaign that it receive the co-operation and participation of all States;<sup>69</sup>

3. *Endorses once more* the statement made by the Secretary-General on the occasion of the 1984 United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Disarmament Campaign<sup>70</sup> to the effect that such co-operation implies that adequate funds be made available and that consequently the criterion of universality also applies to pledges, since a campaign without world-wide participation and funding will have difficulty in reflecting this principle in its implementation;

<sup>62</sup> A/36/458.

<sup>63</sup> A/S-12/27.

<sup>64</sup> A/37/548.

<sup>65</sup> A/38/349.

<sup>66</sup> A/40/443.

<sup>67</sup> A/41/666, paras. 9-17.

<sup>68</sup> A/CONF.139/1.

<sup>69</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda items 9-13, document A/S-12/32, annex V, para. 4.

<sup>70</sup> See A/CONF.127/SR.1.

4. *Reiterates its regret* that most of the States that have the largest military expenditures have not so far made any financial contribution to the Campaign;

5. *Decides* that at its forty-second session there should be a fifth United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Disarmament Campaign, and expresses the hope that on that occasion all those Member States that have not yet announced any voluntary contribution will do so;

6. *Reiterates its recommendation* that the voluntary contributions made by Member States to the World Disarmament Campaign Voluntary Trust Fund should not be earmarked for specific activities since it is most desirable that the Secretary-General enjoy full freedom to take the decisions he deems fit within the framework of the Campaign previously approved by the General Assembly and in exercise of the powers vested in him in connection with the Campaign;

7. *Notes with appreciation* that the Secretary-General has given permanent character to his instructions to the United Nations information centres and regional commissions to give wide publicity to the Campaign and, whenever necessary, to adapt, as far as possible, United Nations information materials to local languages;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a report covering both the implementation of the programme of activities of the Campaign by the organizations of the United Nations system during 1987 and the programme of activities contemplated by the system for 1988;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "World Disarmament Campaign".

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## C

### CONSIDERATION OF GUIDELINES FOR CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that the ultimate goal of confidence-building measures is to strengthen international peace and security and to contribute to the prevention of all wars, in particular nuclear war,

*Mindful* of the importance of confidence-building for the peaceful settlement of existing international problems and for the improvement and promotion of international relations based on justice, co-operation and solidarity,

*Stressing* the potential of specific confidence-building measures to create favourable conditions for progress in the field of arms limitation and disarmament,

*Bearing in mind* that confidence-building measures may serve the additional objective of facilitating verification of arms limitation and disarmament agreements,

*Welcoming* the draft guidelines for confidence-building measures contained in the report of the Disarmament Commission<sup>71</sup> as particularly appropriate to serve this important objective,

*Expecting* that new developments in the field of disarmament and growing positive and concrete experience with

<sup>71</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/41/42), annex II.

confidence-building measures will facilitate further elaboration of the text,

*Takes note* of the "Draft guidelines for appropriate types of confidence-building measures and for the implementation of such measures on a global or regional level" reproduced in the report of the Disarmament Commission.

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## D

### UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN AFRICA

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 40/151 G of 16 December 1985,

*Taking note* of the report of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of Non-Aligned Countries held at New Delhi from 16 to 19 April 1986, in which the ministers reaffirmed the need to strengthen the role of regional bodies in mobilizing support for the World Disarmament Campaign and the realization of its objectives and, in that context, welcomed the establishment at Lomé of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa,<sup>72</sup>

*Taking into consideration* the report of the Secretary-General on the Regional Centre,<sup>73</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the establishment on 1 January 1986 of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

2. *Also welcomes* the promptness with which the Secretary-General has taken the necessary administrative steps to ensure the functioning of the Centre, and requests him to continue to give the Centre all necessary support;

3. *Thanks* Member States and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations that have already made contributions towards the functioning of the Centre;

4. *Again appeals* to Member States and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations to make voluntary contributions to the Centre;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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## E

### FREEZE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 37/100 A of 13 December 1982, 38/73 B of 15 December 1983, 39/63 G of 12 December 1984 and 40/151 E of 16 December 1985 concerning a freeze on nuclear weapons,

*Convinced* that in this nuclear age lasting world peace can be based only on the attainment of the goal of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

<sup>72</sup> See A/41/341-S/18065 and Corr.1, annex I, para. 51.

<sup>73</sup> A/41/660.

*Further convinced* that the highest priority objectives in the field of disarmament have to be nuclear disarmament and the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction,

*Recognizing* the urgent need to halt the arms race, particularly in nuclear weapons,

*Recognizing further* the urgent need for a negotiated reduction of nuclear-weapon stockpiles leading to their complete elimination,

*Noting with deep concern* that nuclear-weapon States have not so far taken any action in response to the call made in the above-mentioned resolutions,

1. *Once again calls upon* all nuclear-weapon States to agree to a freeze on nuclear weapons, which would, *inter alia*, provide for a simultaneous total stoppage of any further production of nuclear weapons and a complete cut-off in the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Freeze on nuclear weapons".

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## F

### CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

*The General Assembly,*

*Alarmed* by the threat to the survival of mankind and to the life-sustaining system posed by nuclear weapons and by their use, inherent in concepts of deterrence,

*Conscious* of an increased danger of nuclear war as a result of the intensification of the nuclear-arms race and the serious deterioration of the international situation,

*Convinced* that nuclear disarmament is essential for the prevention of nuclear war and for the strengthening of international peace and security,

*Further convinced* that a prohibition of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would be a step towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons leading to general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Recalling* that in paragraph 58 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> it is stated that all States should actively participate in efforts to bring about conditions in international relations among States in which a code of peaceful conduct of nations in international affairs could be agreed upon and that would preclude the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

*Reaffirming* that the use of nuclear weapons would be a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a crime against humanity, as declared in its resolutions 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961, 33/71 B of 14 December 1978, 34/83 G of 11 December 1979, 35/152 D of 12 December 1980 and 36/92 I of 9 December 1981,

*Noting with regret* that the Conference on Disarmament, during its 1986 session, was not able to undertake negotiations with a view to achieving agreement on an international convention prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances, taking as a basis the text annexed to General Assembly resolution 40/151 F of 16 December 1985,

1. *Reiterates its request* to the Conference on Disarmament to commence negotiations, as a matter of priority, in

order to reach agreement on an international convention prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances, taking as a basis the draft Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Further requests* the Conference on Disarmament to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the results of those negotiations.

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## ANNEX

### Draft Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons

*The States Parties to this Convention,*

*Alarmed* by the threat to the very survival of mankind posed by the existence of nuclear weapons,

*Convinced* that any use of nuclear weapons constitutes a violation of the Charter of the United Nations and a crime against humanity,

*Convinced* that this Convention would be a step towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons leading to general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

*Determined* to continue negotiations for the achievement of this goal,

*Have agreed* as follows:

#### Article 1

The States Parties to this Convention solemnly undertake not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances.

#### Article 2

This Convention shall be of unlimited duration.

#### Article 3

1. This Convention shall be open to all States for signature. Any State that does not sign the Convention before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article may accede to it at any time.

2. This Convention shall be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Convention shall enter into force on the deposit of instruments of ratification by twenty-five Governments, including the Governments of the five nuclear-weapon States, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article.

4. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited after the entry into force of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.

5. The depositary shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession and the date of the entry into force of this Convention, as well as of the receipt of other notices.

6. This Convention shall be registered by the depositary in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

#### Article 4

This Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send duly certified copies thereof to the Government of the signatory and acceding States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention, opened for signature at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand nine hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

## G

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

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* the decision, contained in paragraph 66 of the Concluding Document of its Twelfth Special Session, the second special session devoted to disarmament, concerning the convening of the third special session devoted to disarmament,<sup>74</sup>

*Reaffirming* its resolution 38/73 I of 15 December 1983, in which it decided that the third special session devoted to disarmament should be held not later than 1988,

*Recalling* its resolutions 39/63 I of 12 December 1984 and 40/151 I of 16 December 1985,

*Reaffirming* the validity of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament, and its conviction that disarmament remains one of the essential objectives of the United Nations,

*Expressing its concern* at the continuation of the arms race, which aggravates international peace and security and also diverts vast resources urgently needed for economic and social development,

*Reiterating its conviction* that peace can be secured through the implementation of disarmament measures, particularly for nuclear disarmament, conducive to the realization of the final objective, namely, general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

1. *Decides* to convene its third special session on disarmament in 1988 and to establish an open-ended Preparatory Committee for the Third Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament;

2. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to prepare a draft agenda for the special session, to examine all relevant questions relating to that session and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session its recommendations thereon;

3. *Invites* all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the agenda and other relevant questions relating to the third special session on disarmament not later than 1 April 1987;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the replies of Member States relevant to paragraph 3 above to the Preparatory Committee and to render to it all necessary assistance, including the provision of essential background information, relevant documents and summary records;

5. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee to meet for a short organizational session before the end of the forty-first session of the General Assembly in order, *inter alia*, to set the date for its substantive session;

6. *Further requests* the Preparatory Committee to submit its progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled: "Third special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third Special

Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament".

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## H

UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF FELLOWSHIPS  
ON DISARMAMENT

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its decision, contained in paragraph 108 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament, to establish a programme of fellowships on disarmament, as well as its decisions contained in annex IV to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>74</sup> the second special session devoted to disarmament, in which it decided, *inter alia*, to continue the programme and to increase the number of fellowships from twenty to twenty-five as from 1983,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 37/100 G of 13 December 1982, 38/73 C of 15 December 1983, 39/63 B of 12 December 1984 and 40/151 H of 16 December 1985,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the programme has already trained one hundred and seventy-five government officials from ninety-three countries, most of whom are now in positions of responsibility in the field of disarmament affairs in their respective countries,

*Believing* that the forms of assistance available to Member States, particularly developing countries, under the programme, including the new disarmament training and advisory services, will enhance the capabilities of Member States to follow ongoing deliberations and negotiations on disarmament,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>75</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* its decisions contained in annex IV to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly and the report of the Secretary-General<sup>76</sup> approved by resolution 33/71 E of 14 December 1978;

3. *Approves* the modalities for implementation of the new disarmament training programme as contained in the Secretary-General's report;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America for inviting the fellows to study selected activities in the field of disarmament, thereby contributing to the fulfilment of the overall objectives of the programme;

5. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the diligence with which the programme has continued to be carried out;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the operations of the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services.

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<sup>74</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes, agenda items 9-13, document A/S-12/32.

<sup>75</sup> A/41/720.

<sup>76</sup> A/33/305.

## I

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 40/151 C ON A NUCLEAR-ARMS FREEZE*The General Assembly,*

Recalling that in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> the first special session devoted to disarmament, adopted in 1978 and unanimously and categorically reaffirmed in 1982 during the twelfth special session of the General Assembly,<sup>74</sup> the second special session devoted to disarmament, the Assembly expressed deep concern over the threat to the very survival of mankind posed by the existence of nuclear weapons and the continuing arms race,

Recalling also that, on those occasions, it pointed out that existing arsenals of nuclear weapons are more than sufficient to destroy all life on Earth and stressed that mankind is therefore confronted with a choice: halt the arms race and proceed to disarmament, or face annihilation,

Bearing in mind that in the Delhi Declaration issued on 28 January 1985,<sup>25</sup> the heads of State or Government of six States Members of the United Nations, coming from five different continents, stated: "A halt to the nuclear-arms race is at the present moment imperative. Only thus can it be ensured that nuclear arsenals do not grow while negotiations proceed", that in the Mexico Declaration adopted on 7 August 1986<sup>8</sup> it was stressed that they "continue to urge that what has so far been a unilateral moratorium by one of the two major nuclear States should soon become at least a bilateral moratorium", and that at the same summit a document was issued on verification measures to facilitate the immediate halting of nuclear tests,<sup>27</sup>

Believing that it is a matter of the utmost urgency to stop any further increase in the awesome arsenals of the two major nuclear-weapon States, which already have ample retaliatory power and a frightening overkill capacity,

Noting that at the Eighth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare from 1 to 6 September 1986, the heads of State or Government called upon the leaders of the two States to pursue without delay and in a spirit of goodwill the objectives they set themselves at Geneva,<sup>21</sup>

Welcoming the unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing declared by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in August 1985 and extended by it on four different occasions, the last time until 1 January 1987,

Considering that a nuclear-arms freeze, while not an end in itself, would constitute the most effective first step towards preventing the continued increase and qualitative improvement of existing nuclear weaponry during the period when the negotiations take place, and that at the same time it would provide a favourable environment for the conduct of negotiations to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons,

Firmly convinced that at present the conditions are most propitious for such a freeze, since the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America are now equivalent in nuclear military power and it seems evident that there exists between them an overall rough parity,

Conscious that the application of the systems of surveillance, verification and control already agreed upon in some previous cases would be sufficient to provide a reasonable guarantee of faithful compliance with the undertakings derived from the freeze,

Convinced that it would be to the benefit of all other States possessing nuclear weapons to follow the example of the two major nuclear-weapon States,

1. Urges once more the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, as the two major nuclear-weapon States, to proclaim, either through simultaneous unilateral declarations or through a joint declaration, an immediate nuclear-arms freeze, which would be a first step towards the comprehensive programme of disarmament and whose structure and scope would be the following:

(a) It would embrace:

- (i) A comprehensive test ban of nuclear weapons and of their delivery vehicles;
- (ii) The complete cessation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons and of their delivery vehicles;
- (iii) A ban on all further deployment of nuclear weapons and of their delivery vehicles;
- (iv) The complete cessation of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(b) It would be subject to appropriate measures and procedures of verification, such as those that have already been agreed by the parties in the case of the SALT I<sup>77</sup> and SALT II<sup>78</sup> treaties, those agreed upon in principle by them during the preparatory trilateral negotiations on the comprehensive test ban held at Geneva and those contemplated in the document on verification measures issued at the Mexico Summit on 7 August 1986;<sup>27</sup>

(c) It would be of an initial five-year duration, subject to prolongation when other nuclear-weapon States join in such a freeze, as the General Assembly urges them to do;

2. Requests the above-mentioned two major nuclear-weapon States to submit a joint report or two separate reports to the General Assembly, prior to the opening of its forty-second session, on the implementation of the present resolution;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session an item entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/60 I on a nuclear-arms freeze".

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## J

UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE,  
DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 39/63 J of 12 December 1984, in which it requested the Secretary-General to provide assistance to such Member States in the regions concerned as might request it with a view to establishing regional and institutional arrangements for the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign, on the basis of existing resources and of voluntary contributions that Member States might make to that end,

<sup>77</sup> "Interim Agreement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on certain measures with respect to the limitation of strategic offensive arms" (United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 944, No. 13445, p. 3).

<sup>78</sup> "Treaty between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms" (see CD/53/Appendix III/Vol. I, document CD/28).

*Mindful* of the Lima Communiqué adopted by the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System at its twelfth regular meeting, held at Lima on 16 and 17 October 1986,<sup>79</sup> in which the foreign ministers, ministers and heads of delegation of the Latin American and Caribbean countries reaffirmed their support for the establishment at Lima of a United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take the necessary steps,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 37/100 F of 13 December 1982, 38/73 J of 15 December 1983 and 39/63 F of 12 December 1984 on regional disarmament,

*Bearing in mind* resolution 40/151 G of 16 December 1985, which established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa,

1. *Decides* to establish, as at 1 January 1987, in accordance with resolution 39/63 J on the World Disarmament Campaign, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America, with headquarters at Lima, on the basis of existing resources and of voluntary contributions that Member States and interested organizations may make to that end;

2. *Decides also* that the Centre shall provide, on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities of the Member States of the Latin American region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, and for the promotion of economic and social development through appropriate reutilization of available resources, and shall co-ordinate the implementation of regional activities in Latin America under the World Disarmament Campaign;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures to ensure the establishment and functioning of the Centre, including, to that end, the possible utilization of the existing United Nations infrastructure at Lima with a view to the full employment of available resources;

4. *Invites* Member States and interested organizations to make voluntary contributions to the Centre;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 41/61. World Disarmament Conference

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2833 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, 2930 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, 3183 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3260 (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3469 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/190 of 21 December 1976, 32/89 of 12 December 1977, 33/69 of 14 December 1978, 34/81 of 11 December 1979, 35/151 of 12 December 1980, 36/91 of 9 December 1981,

37/97 of 13 December 1982, 38/186 of 20 December 1983, 39/150 of 17 December 1984 and 40/154 of 16 December 1985,

*Reiterating its conviction* that all the peoples of the world have a vital interest in the success of disarmament negotiations and that all States should be in a position to contribute to the adoption of measures for the achievement of this goal,

*Stressing anew its conviction* that a world disarmament conference, adequately prepared and convened at an appropriate time, could provide the realization of such an aim and that the co-operation of all nuclear-weapon Powers would considerably facilitate its attainment,

*Taking note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the World Disarmament Conference,<sup>80</sup>

*Recalling* that, in paragraph 122 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,<sup>9</sup> it decided that, at the earliest appropriate time, a world disarmament conference should be convened with universal participation and with adequate preparation,

*Recalling also* that, in paragraph 23 of the Declaration of the 1980s as the Second Disarmament Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/46 of 3 December 1980, the General Assembly considered it pertinent also to recall that in paragraph 122 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session it had stated that at the earliest appropriate time a world disarmament conference should be convened with universal participation and with adequate preparation,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in paragraph 14 of its report to the General Assembly, the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the World Disarmament Conference stated the following:

“Having regard for the important requirements of a world disarmament conference to be convened at the earliest appropriate time, with universal participation and with adequate preparation, the General Assembly should take up the question at its forty-first regular session for further consideration, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of resolution 36/91, adopted by consensus, in particular paragraph 1 of that resolution, and resolution 40/154, also adopted by consensus”;

2. *Renews* the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

3. *Recommends* that the Chairman of the *Ad Hoc* Committee undertake consultations with the representatives of the nuclear-weapon States, as well as with all other States, in order to remain currently informed of the development of their positions on the question of convening a world disarmament conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the results of those consultations;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled “World Disarmament Conference”.

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<sup>79</sup> See A/41/772, annex.

<sup>80</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 28 (A/41/28).