

Mediterranean region and the consequent threat to peace and security,

*Recognizing also* the indivisible character of security in the Mediterranean and that the enhancement of cooperation among Mediterranean countries with a view to promoting the economic and social development of all peoples of the region will contribute significantly to stability, peace and security in the region,

*Recognizing further* that the positive developments taking place worldwide, particularly in Europe, would contribute to enhancing prospects for closer Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in all spheres,

*Expressing satisfaction* at the growing awareness of the need for joint efforts by all Mediterranean countries so as to strengthen economic, social, cultural and environmental cooperation in the Mediterranean region,

*Reaffirming* the responsibility of all States to conform in their actions to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as to the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>75</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on this item,<sup>76</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* that security in the Mediterranean is closely linked to European security as well as to international peace and security;

2. *Expresses satisfaction* at the continuing efforts by Mediterranean States to contribute actively to the elimination of all causes of tension in the region and to the promotion of just and lasting solutions, thus ensuring the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Charter and resolutions of the United Nations;

3. *Emphasizes* the need for a just and peaceful settlement of persistent problems in the region, for respecting and safeguarding the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean and for full adherence to the principles of non-use of force or threat of use of force and the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, in accordance with the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

4. *Welcomes* the decision announced by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America no longer to deploy tactical nuclear weapons on naval vessels and the positive effect that this will have on the process of confidence- and security-building and disarmament in the Mediterranean;

5. *Notes* the adoption in December 1990 of the Charter of Paris for a New Europe<sup>77</sup> by the heads of State or Government of the States participating in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which, *inter alia*, underlined their wish to promote favourable conditions for a harmonious development and diversification of relations with the non-participating Mediterranean States;

6. *Takes note* of the conclusions of the Tenth Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Accra from 2 to 7 September 1991, which, *inter alia*, welcomed the continuing efforts of the non-aligned countries in the region to promote the process of an open and constructive dialogue for peace, stability, security, development and cooperation in the region and supported the

initiatives being undertaken by Mediterranean countries in this respect;

7. *Welcomes* in this context the decisions taken by the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Western Mediterranean Countries, held at Algiers in October 1991, and the decision concerning the forthcoming summit meeting of the Western Mediterranean countries, to be held at Tunis in early 1992;

8. *Notes also* the continued widespread support among Mediterranean countries for the convening of a conference on security and cooperation in the Mediterranean, as well as the ongoing regional consultations to create the appropriate conditions for its convening;

9. *Encourages* the non-aligned Mediterranean countries and the European Mediterranean countries to redouble their efforts to promote and implement confidence- and security-building measures in the disarmament field and to eliminate the economic and social disparities in levels of development in the Mediterranean region, thus enhancing peace, security and cooperation in the region;

10. *Urges* all States to cooperate with the Mediterranean States in the intensification of existing forms of cooperation in various fields, with a view to reducing tension, promoting peace and security and ensuring stability, prosperity and support for democratic processes, economic reforms and development in the countries of the region, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter;

11. *Invites* all Member States, as well as the relevant regional organizations and subregional groupings, to communicate to the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions concerning this issue, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region".

*65th plenary meeting  
6 December 1991*

#### 46/49. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace, contained in its resolution 2832 (XXVI) of 16 December 1971, and recalling also its resolutions 2992 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3080 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3259 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, 3468 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/88 of 14 December 1976, 32/86 of 12 December 1977, S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, 33/68 of 14 December 1978, 34/80 A and B of 11 December 1979, 35/150 of 12 December 1980, 36/90 of 9 December 1981, 37/96 of 13 December 1982, 38/185 of 20 December 1983, 39/149 of 17 December 1984, 40/153 of 16 December 1985, 41/87 of 4 December 1986, 42/43 of 30 November 1987, 43/79 of 7 December 1988, 44/120 of 15 December 1989, 45/77 of 12 December 1990 and other relevant resolutions,

*Reaffirming* that the establishment of zones of peace in various regions of the world under appropriate conditions, to be clearly defined and determined freely by the States concerned in the zone, taking into account the charac-

teristics of the zone and the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in conformity with international law, can contribute to strengthening the security of States within such zones and to international peace and security as a whole,

*Recalling also* the report of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean held in July 1979,<sup>78</sup>

*Recalling further* paragraph 22 of the final document on international security and disarmament adopted by the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989,<sup>17</sup>

*Reaffirming its conviction* that concrete action for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace would be a substantial contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security, as well as to the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful development of the States of the region,

*Convinced* that agreement on such action should be facilitated by encouraging developments in international relations that could have beneficial effects on the region,

*Also convinced* that the continued military presence of the great Powers in the Indian Ocean area, conceived initially in the context of their confrontation, gives urgency to the need to take practical steps in the early achievement of the objectives of the Declaration,

*Welcoming* the positive developments in international political relations enhancing peace, security and cooperation, and expressing the hope that the new spirit of international cooperation will be reflected in the establishment of a zone of peace in the Indian Ocean,

*Noting with appreciation* the offer made by the Government of Sri Lanka to host the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, in 1993,

*Considering* that the permanent members of the Security Council and major maritime users of the Indian Ocean should work in close cooperation with the littoral and hinterland States of the Indian Ocean to ensure the success of the Conference and play their part in the achievement of its objectives,

*Considering also* that the creation of the zone of peace requires cooperation and agreement among the States of the region to ensure conditions of peace and security within the area, as envisaged in the Declaration,

*Noting* that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean has agreed, *inter alia*, on the provisional agenda for the Conference,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;<sup>79</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* full support for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;

3. *Reiterates and emphasizes* its decision to convene the United Nations Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, as a necessary step for the implementation of the Declaration;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the preparatory work done by the Ad Hoc Committee in the implementation of the mandate entrusted to it for the convening of the Conference;

5. *Decides* that the Conference should be structured in more than one stage;

6. *Also decides* to convene the first stage of the Conference at Colombo in 1993, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the present resolution and in consultation with the host country;

7. *Recommends* that the participation at the Conference should be at an appropriately high political level;

8. *Calls* for the full and active participation in the Conference of the permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean, whose cooperation and participation are essential for the success of the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference at an appropriate time and to make all necessary arrangements, including the provision of financial resources for convening the Conference at Colombo, in consultation with the host country;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to invite all States to participate in the Conference, and other relevant bodies and organizations to attend as observers;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the Conference all relevant documentation in accordance with paragraphs 48 and 49 of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee;

12. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Committee will hold a session of five working days in 1992 to perform its preparatory functions for the various stages envisaged for the Conference;

13. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace".

66th plenary meeting  
9 December 1991

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NOTES

<sup>1</sup>For the decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee, see sect. X.B.2.

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

<sup>3</sup>A/46/506.

<sup>4</sup>United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 480, No. 6964.

<sup>5</sup>The Committee on Disarmament was redesignated the Conference on Disarmament as from 7 February 1984.

<sup>6</sup>PTBT/CONF/13/Rev.1.

<sup>7</sup>*Ibid.*, para. 26.

<sup>8</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/9627)*, annex II, document CCD/431.

<sup>9</sup>*The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 1: 1976 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.IX.2), appendix III.

<sup>10</sup>United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 729, No. 10485.

<sup>11</sup>A/46/291 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>12</sup>A/45/435, annex.

<sup>13</sup>A/46/425.

<sup>14</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/S-12/2)*, sect. III.C.

<sup>15</sup>*Ibid.*, *Fifteenth Special Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/S-15/2)*, sect. III.F.

<sup>16</sup>*Ibid.*, *Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*, sect. III.F.

<sup>17</sup>See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

<sup>18</sup>See A/46/486-S/23055, annex I.

<sup>19</sup>Resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

<sup>20</sup>See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*, para. 91.

- <sup>21</sup>Ibid., para. 60 of quoted text.
- <sup>22</sup>A/46/572.
- <sup>23</sup>A/46/357 and Add.1.
- <sup>24</sup>A/C.1/46/9, annex.
- <sup>25</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 105, document A/5975.
- <sup>26</sup>See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, Thirty-fifth Regular Session*, 16-20 September 1991.
- <sup>27</sup>See A/46/390, annex I.
- <sup>28</sup>BWC/CONF.III/23/II.
- <sup>29</sup>Resolution 2826 (XXVI), annex.
- <sup>30</sup>League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.
- <sup>31</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*.
- <sup>32</sup>Ibid., para. 89.
- <sup>33</sup>Ibid., para. 89 (para. 2 of the quoted text).
- <sup>34</sup>A/46/463, annex.
- <sup>35</sup>See *First Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, Final Document (ENMOD/CONF.1/13)* (Geneva, 1984), part II.
- <sup>36</sup>A/46/364.
- <sup>37</sup>United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.IX.8.
- <sup>38</sup>A/46/527.
- <sup>39</sup>United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.IX.8, para. 35.
- <sup>40</sup>See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*, para. 6.
- <sup>41</sup>Ibid., sect. III. A and B.
- <sup>42</sup>Ibid., *Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*, para. 95.
- <sup>43</sup>Ibid., *Supplement No. 42 (A/46/42)*, paras. 39 and 41.
- <sup>44</sup>A/46/301, annex.
- <sup>45</sup>Ibid., paras. 161-165.
- <sup>46</sup>*The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 12: 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.IX.2), appendix VII.
- <sup>47</sup>See A/43/398, annex I.
- <sup>48</sup>See A/44/603, annex I.
- <sup>49</sup>See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Resolutions and Other Decisions of the General Conference, Thirty-third Regular Session*, 25-29 September 1989.
- <sup>50</sup>Ibid., *Thirty-fourth Regular Session*, 17-21 September 1990.
- <sup>51</sup>See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*, para. 95.
- <sup>52</sup>A/46/498.
- <sup>53</sup>A/46/400.
- <sup>54</sup>A/CONF.159/1.
- <sup>55</sup>A/46/307-S/22805, annex.
- <sup>56</sup>See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Special Session, Annexes*, agenda items 9 to 13, document A/S-12/32.
- <sup>57</sup>A/46/530.
- <sup>58</sup>A/33/305.
- <sup>59</sup>A/46/365.
- <sup>60</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 42 (A/46/42)*.
- <sup>61</sup>A/CN.10/137 of 27 April 1990.
- <sup>62</sup>See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/44/27)*, para. 100 (para. 7 of the quoted text).
- <sup>63</sup>Ibid., *Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/46/27)*, paras. 14-17.
- <sup>64</sup>Ibid., *Supplement No. 42 (A/46/42)*, para. 42.
- <sup>65</sup>See *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 5: 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII.
- <sup>66</sup>A/44/569.
- <sup>67</sup>See A/45/474, annex.
- <sup>68</sup>A/45/421-S/21797, annex IV, resolution 17/19-E.
- <sup>69</sup>A/46/708, annex, para. 44.
- <sup>70</sup>A/46/583.
- <sup>71</sup>A/46/590.
- <sup>72</sup>See A/46/390, annex II.
- <sup>73</sup>United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 402, No. 5778.
- <sup>74</sup>A/46/512.
- <sup>75</sup>Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.
- <sup>76</sup>A/46/523 and Corr.1.
- <sup>77</sup>A/45/859, annex.
- <sup>78</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45 and corrigendum (A/34/45 and Corr.1)*.
- <sup>79</sup>*Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 29 and corrigendum (A/46/29 and Corr.1)*.