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DECLARATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE  
IN SOUTH ASIA

Report of the First Committee

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1. The item entitled "Declaration and establishment of a nuclear-free zone in South Asia: report of the Secretary-General" was included by the Secretary-General in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session on the basis of General Assembly resolution 3265 B (XXIX) of 9 December 1974.
2. At its 2353rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1975, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in the agenda of the thirtieth session and to allocate it to the First Committee for consideration and report.
3. At its 2072nd meeting, on 30 October, the First Committee decided to hold a combined general debate on the items allocated to it relating to disarmament and the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, namely, items 31, 34 to 48, 120, 122 and 126. The general debate on these items took place at the 2072nd to 2095th meetings, from 30 October to 21 November.
4. The First Committee had before it, in connexion with item 48, a note by the Secretary-General (A/10325).
5. On 25 November, India submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.730). On 26 November, Pakistan submitted a draft resolution (A/C.1/L.733). Draft resolution A/C.1/L.730 was introduced by the representative of India at the 2102nd meeting, on 2 December. Draft resolution A/C.1/L.733 was introduced by the representative of Pakistan at the same meeting.
6. At its 2105th meeting, on 4 December, the First Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.1/L.730 and A/C.1/L.733 without a vote (see para. 7 below, draft resolutions A and B).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

7. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Declaration and establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free  
zone in South Asia

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3265 A (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, which, while recognizing inter alia that the creation of nuclear-weapon-free zones could promote the cause of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, considered that the initiative for the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in an appropriate region of Asia should come from the States of the region concerned, taking into account its special features and geographical extent,

Noting with appreciation the comprehensive study of the question of nuclear-weapon-free zones in all its aspects, 1/ which has been prepared by the Ad Hoc Group of Qualified Governmental Experts under the auspices of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament,

Having considered the basic principle unanimously accepted by the experts that, wherever appropriate conditions for a nuclear-weapon-free zone exist, the initiative for the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone should come from States within the region concerned, and participation must be voluntary,

Decides to give due consideration to any proposal for the creation of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in an appropriate region of Asia, after it has been developed and matured among the interested States within the region concerned.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3265 B (XXIX) of 9 December 1974, which endorsed, in principle, the concept of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia,

Noting the note by the Secretary-General, 2/

Further noting that, in the introduction to his annual report on the work of the Organization, the Secretary-General has urged the interested countries of the different regions to consult together with a view to the establishment of additional nuclear-free zones, 3/

1/ A/10027/Add.1, annex I.

2/ A/10325.

3/ A/10001/Add.1, p. 9.

1. Urges the States of South Asia to continue their efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia, as recommended in General Assembly resolution 3265 B (XXIX);
2. Further urges those States to refrain from any action contrary to the objective of establishing a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia;
3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia".

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