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Replace page 16 by the following text:

(Mr. Romulo, Philippines)

This report is only a first effort by the United Nations membership to come to a clearer understanding of the security and disarmament relationship. It can only be regarded as a first general review of this difficult but rewarding question. In my view, it is imperative that these efforts be pursued particularly at a more technical and detailed level, now that the general principles have been essentially agreed upon. The value of this report, as I see it, is that it has initiated a process which now must be vigorously pursued for the benefit of the global community and world peace. We need to know more about what kind of United Nations security system will prove acceptable and adequate to assure compliance as disarmament proceeds, and sufficiently effective to assume the burden of maintenance of peace as arms are dispensed with. We must, I think, make an effort now to see that this work is continued in some depth in a suitable framework.

In so difficult and complex an area, it is not surprising that the conclusions adopted by the Group in some respects fall short of the wishes of all members of the Group. In particular, Ambassador Zenon Rossides has framed a complementary set of conclusions and recommendations giving stronger emphasis to certain points. The full text of Mr. Rossides' views is annexed to this statement with the view to be included in the records of the First Committee.*

^{*} Issued as document A/C.1/36/17

(Mr. Romulo, Philippines)

Having completed my presentation on the study on the relationship between disarmament and international security, I should like now to introduce the draft resolution related to it, bearing the symbol A/C.1/36/L.46. The draft resolution is along traditional lines and avoids any possible controversy. It notes the study with satisfaction and commends it to the attention of all Member States; it expresses appreciation to the Secretary-General and to the group of consultant experts who assisted him in the preparation of the study; it invites all Member States to inform the Secretary-General, no later than 15 April 1982, of their views regarding the study; it requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the reproduction of the report as a United Nations publication and give it the widest possible distribution; it further requests the Secretary-General to transmit the study, together with the views of Member States, to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, to be held in 1982.