

security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons”.

*97th plenary meeting
11 December 1979*

34/85. Conclusion of an international convention to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the need to allay the legitimate concern of the States of the world with regard to ensuring lasting security for their peoples,

Convinced that nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to mankind and to the survival of civilization,

Deeply concerned at the continuation of the arms race, in particular the nuclear arms race, and the threat to mankind due to the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons,

Convinced that nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are essential to remove the danger of nuclear war,

Taking into account the principle of the non-use of force or threat of force enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Deeply concerned about any possibility of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing that the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of non-nuclear-weapon States need to be safeguarded against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Considering that, until nuclear disarmament is achieved on a universal basis, it is imperative for the international community to develop, as appropriate, effective measures to ensure the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons from any quarter,

Recognizing that effective measures to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons can constitute a positive contribution to the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons,

Recalling its resolution 3261 G (XXIX) of 9 December 1974,

Further recalling its resolution 31/189 C of 21 December 1976,

Bearing in mind paragraph 59 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,⁶⁹ in which it urged the nuclear-weapon States to pursue efforts to conclude, as appropriate, effective arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

Desirous of promoting the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session,

Recalling its resolution 33/72 of 14 December 1978,

Welcoming the in-depth consideration of the item entitled “Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons” by the Committee on Disarmament and the establishment of an *ad hoc* working group under the aegis of the Committee to conduct negotiations on the subject,⁷⁰

Noting the drafts of an international convention submitted under that item in the Committee on Disarmament,

Taking note of the report of the Committee on Disarmament, including the report of the *ad hoc* Working Group,⁷¹

Noting the decision of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979, calling on the Committee on Disarmament to elaborate the international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons during its next session, in 1980,⁷²

Also noting similar recommendations made in the relevant resolution of the Tenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Fez from 8 to 12 May 1979,⁷³

Further noting the general support expressed during its thirty-fourth session for the elaboration of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons,

1. *Affirms* the conclusion of the Committee on Disarmament that there is wide recognition of the urgent need to reach agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* that in the Committee on Disarmament there is no objection, in principle, to the idea of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons;

3. *Endorses* the decision of the Committee on Disarmament to continue negotiations on this subject at the beginning of its session in 1980;

4. *Recommends* that the Committee on Disarmament should conclude effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons during its session in 1980, taking into account the widespread support for the conclusion of an international convention and giving consideration to any other proposals designed to secure the same objective;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled “Conclusion of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons”.

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34/86. Strengthening of the security of non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

The General Assembly,

Convinced of the need to promote international peace and security,

Recognizing the legitimate security concerns of all States,

Convinced of the importance of effective efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons,

Recognizing that effective measures to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of

⁶⁹ Resolution S-10/2.

⁷⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/34/27 and Corr.1), paras. 44-51.*

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, appendix II.

⁷² See A/34/542, annex, sect. I, para. 219.

⁷³ A/34/389 and Corr.1, annex II, sect. A, resolution 15/10-P.