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Agenda item 67IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN
AS A ZONE OF PEACEReport of the First CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Kazimierz TOMASZEWSKI (Poland)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-second session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/87 of 4 December 1966.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 October, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on the disarmament items allocated to it, namely items 48 to 69, followed by statements on specific disarmament agenda items and continuation of the general debate, as necessary. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 31st meetings, from 12 October to 3 November (see A/C.1/42/PV.3 to 31).

4. In connection with item 67, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean; 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/42/29).

(b) Letter dated 29 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressee to the Secretary-General (A/42/262-S/18836);

(c) Note **verbale** dated 16 June 1987 from the Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations addressee to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the final **communiqué** of the VII Summit Conference of the Heads of State of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe, held at Maputo on 21 and 22 May 1987 (A/42/352-S/18930);

(d) Letter dated 23 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the answers of M. S. Gorbachev, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to questions from the Indonesian newspaper Merdeka (A/42/418-S/18994);

(e) Letter dated 19 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressee to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Vancouver Declaration on World Trade, the Okanagan Statement on Southern Africa and Programme of Action and the **communiqué** of the Meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government, held at Vancouver, Canada, from 13 to 17 October 1987 (A/42/677);

(f) Letter dated 23 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final **communiqué** of the Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegations of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-second session of the General Assembly, held in New York from 5 to 7 October 1987 (A/42/681).

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN

5. At the 28th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Sri Lanka, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee 1/ containing, in paragraph 20, a draft resolution.

6. In this connection, the Secretary-General submitted a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.1/42/L.80).

7. At its 44th meeting, on 16 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean without a vote (see para. 8).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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-1 0/2 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 and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling further the report of the Meeting of the Littoral and Hinterland States of the Indian Ocean, 2/

1. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean 3/ and the exchange of views in the Committee)
2. Takes note of the discussions on substantive issues in the Working Group established in accordance with the Ad Hoc Committee's decision of 11 July 1985
3. Emphasizes its decision to convene the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, as a necessary step for the implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace adopted in 1971;
4. Renews the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee as defined in the relevant resolutions and requests the Committee to intensify its work with regard to the implementation of its mandate;
5. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to hold three preparatory sessions in 1988, each of a duration of one week, one session of which could be held at Colombo in accordance with a decision to be taken by the Ad Hoc Committee at its first session in 1988;
6. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee, should the preparatory work not be completed to enable the convening of the Conference in 1988, to complete the remaining work during its subsequent sessions in order to enable the convening of the Conference at Colombo at an early date, but not later than 1990, in consultation with the host country;

2/ Ibid., Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45 (A/74/45 and Corr.1).

3/ Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 29 (A/42/29).

7. Notes that the Ad Hoc Committee will, during its preparatory sessions in 1988, give serious consideration to ways and means of more effectively organizing work in the Ad Hoc Committee to enable it to fulfil its mandate;

8. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to submit to the Conference a report on its preparatory work;

9. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to present a report on its work to the General Assembly at its third special session devoted to disarmament;

10. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a full report on the implementation of the present resolution;

11. Requests the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to continue his consultations on the participation in the work of the Committee by States Members Of the United Nations which are not members of the Committee, with the aim of resolving this matter at the earliest possible date;

12. Requests the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee to consult the Secretary-General at the appropriate time on the establishment of a secretariat for the Conference;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to render all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the provision of summary records, in recognition of its preparatory function, as well as verbatim transcripts for a possible meeting at Colombo.
