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Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Hungary, India,
Poland, Sri Lanka and Venezuela: draft resolution

Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, at its tenth special session, the first special session devoted to disarmament, it unanimously stressed the importance of both qualitative and quantitative measures in the process of disarmament,

Observing that at no stage since the first special session devoted to disarmament has the qualitative aspect of the arms race been seriously addressed by the international community,

Noting with concern the existing potential in technological advances for application to military purposes thus escalating the level and sophistication of armaments,

Recognizing that such a development will have a negative impact on the security environment while causing a major setback to disarmament efforts,

Stressing, in this context, the importance of effectively addressing this problem and ensuring that scientific and technological developments are not exploited for military purposes but harnessed for the common benefit of mankind,

Emphasizing that the proposal contained in the present resolution is without prejudice to research and development efforts being undertaken for peaceful purposes,

Recognizing the interests of the international community in the subject and the need to follow closely such developments,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to follow future scientific and technological developments, especially those which have potential military applications, and to evaluate their impact on international security, with the assistance of qualified consultant experts, as appropriate, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

2. Invites Member States to establish panels at the national level to monitor and evaluate such developments, and disseminate the assessments provided by the Secretary-General;

3. Further invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General their views and proposals as well as the evaluations of the national panels;

4. Requests the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session an item entitled "Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security".
