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ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Guidelines for the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution S-10/2 of 30 June 1978, adopted the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session paragraph 108 of which reads as follows:

"In order to promote expertise in disarmament in more Member States, particularly in the developing countries, the General Assembly decides to establish a programme of fellowships on disarmament. The Secretary-General, taking into account the proposal submitted to the special session, should prepare guidelines for the programme. He should also submit the financial requirement of twenty fellowships to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session for inclusion in the regular budget of the United Nations, bearing in mind the savings that can be made within the existing budgetary appropriations."

2. In pursuance of the above-mentioned decision of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General submits the following guidelines for the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament.

3. The primary objective of the Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament is to promote expertise in disarmament in more Member States, particularly in the developing countries. In addition, the purpose of the fellowship is to enable the holders to derive from their training the knowledge and professional competence which will help to increase their ability to fulfil their duties upon their return home.

4. United Nations fellowships in general are primarily intended for persons already or soon to be entrusted with responsibilities related to the development of their countries. In the case of disarmament fellowships, candidates are expected to be individuals involved in or earmarked for work on disarmament and

related matters. Fellowships shall not be awarded for the pursuit of academic studies leading to degrees.

5. Disarmament fellowships shall normally be awarded to candidates nominated by their Governments. In considering applications, particular attention shall be paid to the candidates' background, their position in the home country, and the practical use they expect to make of the knowledge and experience gained on their return home. Other factors which also will influence the selection of candidates will be:

(a) The greater needs of developing countries;

(b) Over-all geographical balance.

6. The selection of candidates shall be made by the Secretary-General on the basis of the above criteria established for the Programme. In order to assist the Secretary-General, a selection panel will be established.

7. Up to 20 fellows a year would be selected, largely from developing countries, to attend a course of lectures and seminars on issues relating to disarmament, including the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. They would also engage in on-the-job observation of bodies dealing with disarmament, of the Security Council, the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations and other United Nations organs. The course, not to exceed six months, would include observation of negotiations in the Committee on Disarmament at Geneva. The United Nations Centre for Disarmament would be charged with organizing the Programme, drawing on expertise from the United Nations system, from Member States and from relevant research institutes. In particular, the expertise of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research will be utilized.

8. The financial requirements of 20 fellowships will be the subject of a revised budget estimate for 1979.
